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## NEXT WEEK in the Post

SUNDAY



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foreign features and  
an extra economic  
page.

## Likud charges Labour using economy to foment crisis

By SARAH HONIG  
and ROY ISACOWITZ  
Post Political Correspondents  
TEL AVIV. — Sources close to Vice  
Premier Shamir say Prime Minister  
Peres and the Labour Party may be  
seeking to foment a coalition crisis  
with an eye to bringing down the  
national unity government and re-  
negotiating on the rotation agreement.

The sources told *The Jerusalem Post* that such a crisis would be "so  
artificial and baseless that the public  
would not accept it. It would become  
a boomerang that would only damage  
Labour."

Peres and his fellow-Labourites  
have been hearing criticism on the  
Likud in recent days, mainly on the  
issue of the economy. Labour Party  
ministers were meeting last night to  
discuss the coalition tension, and  
Likud ministers are to confer on the  
matter today.

Labour yesterday threw its weight  
solidly behind a policy of immediate  
economic growth, in anticipation of  
Peres's planned cabinet showdown  
with the Likud on Sunday.

The Likud, and particularly Finance  
Minister Yitzhak Moda'i, came in for  
strong criticism during a meeting of  
the Labour Knesset caucus and a subsequent  
meeting of the party's central committee  
yesterday. But there was little indication  
in either forum that the party was aiming  
to bring down the government over the  
growth issue.

Peres told the central committee  
that he would not continue to serve  
in a government which "destroys  
industry, agriculture and the settlement  
movement." He also rejected  
Moda'i's contention that a growth  
policy should be deferred for  
another year to allow the economy to  
stabilize further.

"We cannot wait a year," Peres  
said. "Entire sectors of the economy  
are in danger of collapsing within  
weeks."

Sources close to Peres told *The*  
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An IDF soldier stands watch over villagers in South Lebanon during a curfew.

(Eli Hershkovitz)

## IDF likely to stay over the weekend

The IDF will apparently continue  
its operations north of the security  
zone in Lebanon, combing the area  
today and possibly through the  
weekend.

One factor militating against the  
continuing operation is the mounting  
Israeli casualty rate. Additional  
factors are the intensified friction  
with the Shi'ite community in the  
area; the economic cost of the operation;  
the increasing tension with  
Unifil; and the growing doubt that  
the two abducted soldiers Yossi Fink  
and Ruhaimin Alsheikh, can still be  
found.

Defence policy makers have been  
stunned by the huge quantities of  
weapons and ammunition that they  
have uncovered in the 20 Shi'ite  
villages combed since Monday noon,  
when thousands of IDF soldiers,  
aided by units from the South  
Lebanese Army, launched the search  
for Fink and Alsheikh. In  
Sultaniya alone some 100 Katyusha  
rockets were found yesterday; these  
rockets can reach targets deep inside  
Israel.

Army officers believe that there is  
much more to be found. Also,

## ANALYSIS

HIRSH GOODMAN

dozens of terrorists have either been  
killed or captured, and the feeling is  
that serious damage has been done to  
the burgeoning terrorist infrastruc-  
ture that was developing north  
of the security zone.

These officers further claim that  
fears of a mass Shi'ite uprising  
against the IDF, unless the opera-  
tion ends soon, are exaggerated. The  
Shi'ites in the areas being searched,  
they claim, understand that the mop-  
up operation that has developed  
from the original search is aimed  
only against radical elements, and  
not against the mainstream Shi'ite  
community who are "as interested as  
Israel is in getting rid of radical and  
fundamentalist elements near the  
security zone." Consequently, say  
the officers, the IDF has enough  
time "to do a thorough job north of  
the security zone before the Shi'ite

community again unites against us.  
A few days here or there makes little  
difference," they argue.

In this operation thousands of  
troops, backed by artillery and tanks,  
are roaming through Lebanon in  
search of Fink and Alsheikh, but  
also in search of terrorists and ordi-  
nance.

The longer the IDF remains over  
the northern border, the greater the  
chances of serious long-term des-  
tabilization in the security zone  
which has proved itself worthwhile  
in the 10 months since the IDF  
withdrew from its costly three-year  
engagement in Lebanon.

If the operation continues for only  
a few more days, the delicate bal-  
ance that has made the security zone  
effective will not be disturbed. If the  
operation lasts longer than a few  
days, however, we could be faced  
with a totally different reality," one  
source said, "especially if evidence  
comes to light that the two missing  
men are either not in the area of  
operation or dead. In that case we  
have no option but to withdraw — no  
matter how beneficial the other re-  
sults." (See back page)

## Second soldier dies as army combs villages in S. Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
and JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporters  
and Agencies

The second IDF soldier to be  
killed during the massive search  
operation north of the security zone  
that began on Monday, was  
shot yesterday when an IDF pa-  
trol was ambushed by Shi'ite gun-  
men on the outskirts of the vil-  
lage of Sreifa, 24 kilometres  
north of the border. Local resi-  
dents to the operation intensified  
yesterday.

House-to-house searches have  
turned up large weapons caches  
since the operation began. Yester-  
day, about 100 long-range Katyusha  
rockets were discovered in Sulta-  
niya. Dozens of men suspected of  
belonging to hostile organizations  
have been detained during the week.  
Hizbollah offices in several places  
were blown up.

Samal Alon Ben-Shahar, 19, of  
Jerusalem was killed around noon  
when Shi'ite gunmen blasted an  
Israeli unit with bazooka and  
machine-gun fire for an hour. Eight  
of the attackers were killed as the  
IDF returned fire, and continued to  
slam the village and its surroundings  
for another four hours with tanks,  
artillery and helicopter gunships.

Ben-Shahar's funeral will be held  
at 1 p.m. today at the Mt. Herzl  
military cemetery in Jerusalem.

Two groups, the Islamic Resis-  
tance Front and the Shi'ite militia  
Amal, announced that their men had  
carried out the attack. Reuters re-  
ported that during the fighting the  
area around the village was swarm-  
ing with local gunmen wearing black

headbands and armed with automa-  
tic weapons, hand grenades and anti-  
tank weapons.

Katyusha rockets were fired at the  
western Galilee last night, appar-  
ently from north of the security zone.  
No one was hurt and no damage was  
done. Earlier yesterday, two  
Katyushas fell on the South Lebanon  
town of Marjayoun, and others hit  
the village of Ya'atar in the security  
zone.

On the second day of the opera-  
tion to locate the two Israeli soldiers  
abducted by the extremist Hizbollah  
organization, Rav-Turai Daniel  
Amar was killed when his Dabur  
patrol boat neared the coastline  
north of Tyre.

## BULLETIN

Katyusha rockets landed in the  
Galilee Panhandle after midnight last  
night. There were no injuries or  
damages.

Prime Minister Peres said yester-  
day in an address to the Labour  
Party Central Committee in Tel  
Aviv that the operation would con-  
tinue until some trace was found of  
the two missing soldiers. He said that  
Israel was engaged in a bitter struggle  
with Shi'ite terror and would  
continue to fight against it.

In Beirut yesterday, Reuters re-  
ported that loudspeaker vans drove  
through the southern Shi'ite suburbs  
of the city announcing that the Isla-  
mic Resistance Front had killed one  
of the two kidnapped soldiers, but  
did not give his name. The recorded  
statement said that the captive had  
been "executed" because Israel had  
failed to heed an ultimatum to end its  
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Israel's first Ambassador to Spain, Samuel Hadas, arrives by horse-drawn coach at the Royal Palace in Madrid yesterday to present his credentials to King Juan Carlos.

## Envoy to Spain presents his credentials

By BENNY MORRIS  
Post Diplomatic Correspondent  
Israel's first ambassador to Spain,  
Samuel Hadas, yesterday presented  
his credentials to King Juan Carlos in  
an unusually well-publicized and  
warm reception in the royal palace.

According to the embassy's de-  
puty chief of mission, Mordechai Ami-  
nah, who attended the reception, the  
king and Spanish Foreign Minister  
Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez spoke  
privately for some 15 minutes with  
Hadas after the official ceremony. In  
these ceremonies, rigidly controlled  
by protocol, the private conversa-  
tion with the king usually lasts 5-8  
minutes.

Spanish state television gave un-  
usually full coverage to the cere-  
mony. The presentation of creden-  
tials by the East German ambas-  
sador earlier in the day, for example,  
was not even mentioned in the elec-  
tronic media.

The ceremony began with Hadas  
and Amihai riding in open coaches  
to the royal palace, where they were  
greeted by a guard of honour and an  
orchestra playing *Halkiva*.

The reception after the ceremony  
in Hadas's flat was attended by  
Camilo Jose Cela, considered  
Spain's leading man of letters, by  
opposition leader Manuel Fraga,  
and by Spanish Foreign Ministry  
officials.

Afterwards, Hadas went to watch  
the Maccabi Tel Aviv-Real Madrid  
basketball game.

Meanwhile, in Israel, Spanish  
chargé d'affaires Juan Lopez de  
Chicheri was reportedly still busy  
looking for appropriate premises in  
Tel Aviv for the embassy and the  
ambassador's residence.

The ambassador, Pedro Lopez  
Aguirre, formerly Madrid's  
ambassador to Athens, is expected  
to arrive and present his credentials  
next month.

## Egypt tries to heal PLO- Jordan split

CAIRO. — Egypt will try to heal  
the rift between Jordan and the PLO  
after King Hussein called off efforts  
towards a joint strategy for Arab-  
Israeli peace, Egyptian Foreign  
Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid said  
yesterday.

Abdel-Meguid spoke after meet-  
ing with Jordanian Ambassador  
Hussein Hammami to discuss Hus-  
sein's speech on Wednesday.

"We are trying to bring Palesti-  
nian and Jordanian views closer,"  
Abdel-Meguid told reporters.

In Amman yesterday, diplomats  
said they expected Hussein to make  
his next Middle East peace move  
through an Arab summit.

Meanwhile, Yasser Arafat and his  
top aides met in the Iraqi capital of  
Baghdad yesterday to study the im-  
plications of Hussein's speech. Arafat  
has so far refused comment on the  
king's declaration.

Syria, a bitter opponent of any  
Jordan-PLO coordination, ignored  
Hussein's speech, although Damas-  
cus newspapers reported it briefly  
without comment.

Radical Palestinian terrorist  
groups yesterday accused Hussein of  
attempting to split Palestinian ranks.

The Democratic Front for the Li-  
beration of Palestine (DFLP) and the  
Palestine Communist Party said  
the king was seeking to establish an  
alternative leadership to the PLO.

"It is an overt invitation aimed at  
splitting the ranks of Palestinians  
between those living in the West  
Bank and Gaza and those outside,"  
they said in a joint statement.

A delegation of British trade union  
members said in Amman yester-  
day that Palestinians in the West  
Bank and Gaza Strip had made it  
clear they would accept only the  
PLO as their representative at any  
peace talks.

The five-man group had just re-  
turned from a visit to the West Bank  
and Gaza Strip.

(Reuters, AP)

## Peres says it's now up to W. Bank, Gaza residents

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN,  
ROY ISACOWITZ  
and ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV. — King Hussein's  
speech Wednesday was the strongest  
condemnation of the PLO's role in  
blocking peace ever made by a re-  
sponsible Arab leader, Prime Minis-  
ter Peres said yesterday.

"Until now we've been attacked  
for not negotiating with the PLO.  
Hussein has been negotiating with  
the PLO for a year, and what did he  
get out of it? Peres said, addressing  
lawyers here.

"I already said weeks ago that  
Arafat has nothing to offer the resi-  
dents of the administered territories  
and Hussein fully confirmed what  
Europe, too, will realize now: that  
the PLO does not want to solve the  
Palestinian problem, but to exploit it  
in order to maintain its organiza-  
tion."

It was now up to the residents of  
the West Bank and Gaza to take  
matters into their own hands and  
start representing themselves. Peres  
said in a separate address at Tel Aviv  
University.

Likud sources, who were agreed

that the speech did nothing to ad-  
vance the cause of peace, neverthe-  
less pointedly refrained from attack-  
ing Labour's responses, apparently  
in an effort to avoid exacerbating  
coalition disputes. (See story, page  
3)

The general reaction in Labour  
was satisfaction that the so-called  
"PLO option" had been discredited,  
tempered by an awareness that  
peace talks with Jordan appeared no  
nearer.

But Labour MK Micha Harish,  
who heads the committee preparing  
his party's diplomatic position pa-  
per, said the speech could herald a  
new peace initiative. He cautioned,  
however, that it would be several  
weeks at least before the speech's  
effects became clear.

Israel must now begin "thinking  
unilaterally," Harish said, meaning  
unilateral autonomy, or indepen-  
dent negotiations with Palestinians  
in the West Bank or in Jordan.

Labour's programme on the terri-  
tories will only be drawn up in late  
March, on the eve of the party's  
convention.

Labour MKs also said that, while  
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## 'A time for reflection'

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. — The U.S.  
yesterday said there would now be a  
pause in the Arab-Israeli peace pro-  
cess.

"It's obvious that we have  
embarked upon a period of reflec-  
tion on the part of all parties," the  
State Department said in reaction to  
King Hussein's speech on Wednes-  
day.

Spokesman Charles Redman  
made it clear that the U.S., like  
Hussein, blames the PLO for the  
failure to get negotiations off the  
ground.

He confirmed Hussein's asser-  
tions that the U.S. had privately  
promised to invite the PLO to the  
negotiating table if it accepted UN  
Security Council Resolutions 242  
and 338.

Redman noted that the entire  
question was now "moot" since "the  
PLO leadership has failed to seize  
the opportunity offered it." He de-  
clined to say whether the U.S. had  
won a commitment from Israel that  
it would support such an invitation to  
the PLO if it had met those condi-  
tions. (See story, page 3)

## Soviets launch permanent space station

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Union  
yesterday sent a large new space  
vehicle into orbit and announced it  
would be the heart of the world's  
first permanently manned space sta-  
tion.

Western experts said the launch-  
ing underlined the Soviet Union's  
steady progress towards its goal of a

permanent station, while the U.S.  
has concentrated on a more specu-  
lar manned programme.

The Mir (peace) craft, which can  
dock with six other vehicles simulta-  
neously, was blasted into orbit  
unmanned from the Baikour Space  
Centre in central Asia without any  
advanced publicity.

## Syria accused of harming Iraq war effort

Post Middle East staff  
Baghdad is accusing Syria of  
trying to induce the leaders of the  
Gulf states to stop their material and  
moral support of Iraq.

Without mentioning Syria by  
name, Baghdad radio said yesterday

that "leaders of Arab nationality had  
presented this demand to the Gulf  
leaders and promised them in return  
to secure a pledge from Iranian lead-  
er Ayatollah Khomeini to abandon  
his plan to expand the war in the  
Gulf." (Earlier report — page 4)

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GENEVA	-8	-12	-4	Clear
HELSINKI	-12	-16	-8	Clear
HONG KONG	15	12	18	Cloudy
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## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy to clear with a slight drop in temperatures.  
Outlook for Shabbat: an additional drop in temperature.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
Humidity	Humidity	Min-Max	Min-Max
Jerusalem	34	5-19	16
Galil	29	7-19	16
Nahariya	31	9-17	14
Safed	32	10-23	21
Haifa Port	38	7-21	18
Tiberias	31	5-24	21
Nazareth	31	6-21	18
Afula	45	10-22	20
Shomron	30	8-24	22
Tel Aviv	39	8-24	22
B-G Airport	32	7-24	22
Jericho	43	12-24	20
Gaza	31	8-24	21
Beersheva	19	10-26	23
Eilat	13		

## SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi will be the guest speaker at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club's luncheon meeting in the Zion Hotel at 1 p.m. today. Table reservations: Phone 537766.

## Birth

Liraz and Aylon Infeld announce the birth of a baby boy on February 14 in Jerusalem, grandson to Mordechai and Edna Eshel and Avraham and Ellen Infeld, great-grandson to Olga, Sylvia, Leah and Yehudit.

## Marriage

The Silverman, Alon and Limor families are happy to announce the marriage of Anna Silverman to Gilead Limor, in Jerusalem on February 18, within the family circle.

## Fast trials net record fines for price gouging

Over NIS 70 million in fines were imposed on price gougers in January by courts around the country, a spokesman for the Industry and Trade Ministry said yesterday.

Ministry price inspectors, he said, carried out 17,000 surprise visits to places of business during the month, netting 552 traders who had overcharged.

In special summary tribunals, stiff fines were imposed on violators: one Tel Aviv restaurateur was fined NIS 1,500 for illegally raising menu prices, and a grocer was fined the same amount for overcharging on pasta.

The ministry spokesman said the fast trial system was proving a successful deterrent to uncontrolled price rises, and was helping to stabilize the economy. (Itim)

## EMERGENCY CARE

The emergency ward of Jerusalem's Bikur Holim Hospital will now take care of foreign tourists who need treatment. 24 hours a day, even if the hospital is not open, the emergency roster that day. Tourists must bring their passports, and the fees charged will be those set by the Health Ministry for non-residents.

## For Sale

The British Consulate-General has for sale, by tender, the following vehicle: Ford Cortina L, 1600 cc, 1981 Model, Estate Car. Offers should be made by sealed tender, addressed to the Administration Officer, British Consulate-General, Nishanish Street, East Jerusalem, marked "Vehicle Tender", to reach the Consulate-General not later than midday on March 3, 1986. Tenders received after this time will not be considered. The British Consulate-General reserves the right to refuse any tender. Day has not been paid on the vehicle, and payment of this will be the responsibility of the purchaser. The successful bidder will be advised, and full payment will be required, within five days of the letter of acceptance of the tender. The vehicle may be seen at the British Consulate-General, Nishanish Street, Mondays to Fridays, between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. 0254-28-174

## HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

## Wages are key issue in top-level talks next week on direction of economy

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Post Labour Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Next Thursday's meeting of the national Economic Council, comprising the government, the Histadrut and the private sector employers, is shaping up as a crucial stepping-stone to the post-recovery period.

Prime Minister Peres, who chairs the council, is expected to attempt to launch a process of negotiation between the three partners aimed at ensuring economic stability, growth and labour calm until the end of the year.

At the top of the agenda is the question of new wage agreements to replace the current two-year accords, which expire at the end of March. The Treasury and the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations (CBE), which represents the private sector employers, are strongly urging the immediate opening of negotiations for new national agreements.

The Histadrut, however, is stalling. Employers' demands that negotiations begin immediately have either gone unanswered or have been rejected on the grounds that the present, fluid economic conditions are not propitious to the making of new commitments.

At the centre of the Histadrut's calculations is the tradition that agreements remain in force beyond their expiry date until replaced by new agreements. The Histadrut is not averse to a continuation of the present situation, with its price controls and rebounding wages, for another few months.

The CBE and the Treasury see things differently, of course. The former is desperate to have price controls lifted as soon as possible, while the latter wants to reach speedy agreement on a new cost of living increment system that would reduce public wage bills.

As far as possible, the public and private sector employers would like to isolate the wage negotiations from the other economic issues of the day, such as the state budget and the growth debate.

The Histadrut, on the other hand, sees the wage talks as inextricably tied to everything else that is going on in the economy. It is waiting to see in which form the budget emerges from the Knesset Finance Committee before committing itself to new agreements.

"If the budget remains in its present form we have nothing to talk about," a senior trade union figure said this week. "There will be no public sector agreement until the budget provides funds for wage increases and resources for fighting unemployment."

Privately, Histadrut officials acknowledge that they don't expect to receive full compensation for the wage erosion of the past eight months. But they must have something to show if the various trade unions are to go along with the national agreement.

The Histadrut will probably accept relatively low wage increases, graduated over the year. But it insists that the funds for those increases be accounted for in the budget before negotiations begin.

Whatever agreement is eventually reached, the Histadrut is bound to encounter problems from the so-called "professional" unions, such as the engineers and the academics, which are demanding a special wage structure commensurate with the academic qualifications of their members. But any attempt to treat the professionals differently would be bound to provide a counter-reaction from the run-of-the-mill public sector unions.

The Histadrut is threatening to withdraw from the fray and allow the unions to negotiate independent agreements if the Treasury is not forthcoming. The implication of the threat is that, if one central agreement is not negotiated, the employers will have to face a mass of wage claims from each group of workers.

Much will depend on the statistics presented by each side. In the past, the employers have submitted statistics purporting to show little or no wage erosion over the preceding period, while Histadrut statistics have shown substantial erosion. This time, the Histadrut is expected to maintain that wages have been eroded by 12-15 per cent since the implementation of the economic recovery programme last July.

Histadrut officials expect the situation to become clearer in the next two weeks. By that time, the council would have met and the trends in the Finance Committee's examination of the budget would have become clear. Until then, however, it is unlikely that the Histadrut will agree to open wage talks.

## Jordan-PLO rift only 'temporary separation,' not divorce

By BENNY MORRIS

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Highly placed sources in Jerusalem yesterday said King Hussein's speech on Wednesday marked "a temporary separation" rather than a divorce between Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The sources said there might now be a hiatus in the peace-seeking process but that it would eventually be resumed, "with the PLO."

The sources pointed to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's continuing efforts yesterday to induce the PLO to enter the process, and to the fact that Hussein, while berating the PLO's leadership in his speech, left untouched his commitments to the PLO as an organization.

The sources stressed that Hussein continued to insist that his relations with the Palestinians would be based on his agreement with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat last February.

Hussein will never go alone to peace talks with Israel, the sources said. And the possibility that representatives from the administered territories or the Syrians would join Hussein in talks with Israel without the PLO is "very very small."

Hence, Hussein will sooner or later attempt to renew the dialogue with the PLO, perhaps via Egyptian mediation, the sources predicted.

These sources agreed with the prevailing view in the Foreign Ministry, which in large measure sees the Hussein speech as a major effort to pressure Arafat into reconsidering his rejection of UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. The U.S. has demanded that the PLO explicitly accept these resolutions and renounce terrorism as conditions for its entry into the peace process.

All the sources agreed that, while Hussein may have singled out Arafat as the chief culprit in the failure of the peace process, it was unlikely that the PLO leadership would change. Hence, the renewal of the Hussein-PLO dialogue would have to involve Arafat as the king's major interlocutor.

The renewal of the dialogue would occur, the sources predicted, when the U.S. or the PLO moved, however marginally, from their positions as expressed earlier this month. Meanwhile, said one of the sources, "Hussein has left all his options open, including a renewal of the Jordanian-Syrian rapprochement."

## Top Lebanese Communist killed in Beirut street

BEIRUT (AP). - An assassin on a motorcycle killed a senior Lebanese Communist leader in Moslem West Beirut yesterday as artillery and tank battles raged in Lebanon's Christian heartland, killing six civilians and wounding 11.

Police identified the victim as Khalil Naouss, 50, a central committee member of Lebanon's Moscow-oriented Communist Party. He was a Sunni Moslem.

His brother, Abdul-Hafiz, who was driving Khalil's car in West Beirut's busy Corniche Mazraa commercial thoroughfare when the attack occurred, was seriously wounded, police said.

No group has claimed responsibility for the assassination, but there has been growing friction between the Communists and the Shi'ite Moslem Amal Militia, one of the strongest in Lebanon.

Amal fighters have rounded up hundreds of Communists in South Lebanon in the last three weeks. Police said the artillery and tank battles in the central mountains northeast of Beirut were between mainly Christian units of the army loyal to President Amin Gemayel and pro-Syrian leftist and Moslem militias.

## CORRECTION

In yesterday's story reporting the end of the workers' sit-in at Israel Shipyards, the duration of the sit-in was reported incorrectly due to an editing error. The sit-in lasted one month.

## U.S. expert invited to see Kinneret discovery

## New find hints at second Roman boat

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

TIBERIAS. - Wooden remains found yesterday in the mud near the 2,000-year-old boat being excavated on the Kinneret shore raised archeologists' hopes that a second boat may be discovered.

"It might be another boat, or it might be pieces which broke off the first boat," said archeologist Shlomo Wachsmann. "At the moment it's an open question."

Prof. J. Richard Steffy, one of the world's foremost authorities on ancient ships, yesterday described the 8-metre boat as extremely well-preserved. "I'm really surprised by the boat being in such good condition," said Steffy, of Texas A&M University, who arrived from the U.S. on Wednesday night to see the boat.

Steffy said the boat was nothing like other ancient boats he was familiar with. But, "as a freshwater boat, it's bound to look a bit different."

Archeologists say that, although the boat apparently dates to the 1st century BCE, it closely resembles the boats that plied the lake in Jesus' time.

"Boat construction didn't change very quickly in antiquity," says Wachsmann, inspector of underwater archeology for the Antiquities Department. "I think that any future pictorial representation of Jesus around the lake and its fishermen will be based on this boat."

A tarpaulin has been raised over the boat to keep the sun from drying out the waterlogged wood, which must be kept wet until it is chemically treated to prevent its disintegration.

Because of the complex technical problems involved in extricating and preserving the boat, discovered this month by two brothers from Kibbutz Ginnosar, archeologists had initially intended to carry out the excavation as an underwater dig at some undetermined future date after the site had been covered by the lake's rising waters and thereby protected from hunters of antiquities. However, a leak of the find to a newspaper last week has already attracted curiosity seekers. Wachsmann and archeologist Kurt Raveh began the dig on Sunday.

A dispute quickly erupted between Ginnosar, 300 metres from the site, and the village of Migdal, high on a ridge further west, over rights to display the boat, which promises to be a major tourist attraction. Tempers calmed when archeologists pointed out that it might be 10 years before the boat is ready for display.

"The help we're getting from both



Mendel Nunn, a specialist on the Lake Kinneret area, picks his way through the mud at the bow of the 8-metre boat being excavated on the shores of the lake. Volunteers from neighbouring kibbutzim and elsewhere are assisting in the dig. (Reuters telephoto)

the kibbutz and Migdal has been terrific," said Wachsmann. "It's in the spirit of the old yishuv."

If the boat is from the 1st century, it could not have been used in the battle on the lake during the Roman suppression of the Jewish revolt. At the time the Jews took to the water in small boats and the Romans pursued them in rafts and destroyed them. Josephus describes the shore as subsequently being thick with wrecks. The boat being excavated is intact and upright, looking as if it had been tied up perpendicular to the beach when its passengers stepped ashore 2,000 years ago.

## Ministers plead to restore free health care for judges

Two ministers Wednesday went to bat to restore the judges' special health care benefits. The benefits were revoked by the Knesset Finance Committee as of April 1, 1986, together with those of senior officials, cabinet ministers and Knesset members.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and Health Minister Mordechai Gur asked Finance Committee chairman Abraham Shapira to table a proposal in the committee revoking the earlier decision for judges in both the civil and religious court systems.

Nissim told The Jerusalem Post that the proposal had been cleared

with Prime Minister Peres. "We told Shapira that we thought the committee cut hasty and ill-advised because it did not consider the special position of judges."

"All the health funds have political affiliations and that's what judges should avoid. As long ago as 1953, the late Supreme Court president Yitzhak Olshan insisted that he would not join any fund and his colleagues have emulated him."

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May his memory be for a blessing

## UK regrets end to talks; French avoid comment

LONDON (Reuters). - Britain expressed regret yesterday over the collapse of a joint initiative by Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organization in the search for peace in the Middle East.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government "regretted that an important phase in the Middle East peace process appears to have come to an end."

The government had not yet fully studied King Hussein's "clearly important" speech Wednesday, announcing the failure of PLO-Jordanian talks, the spokesman said, recalling that Britain had consistently supported the king's efforts to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Two key French newspapers yesterday interpreted Hussein's speech as tantamount to a "divorce" between Jordan and PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

The authoritative daily Le Monde and the popular pro-socialist Liberation highlighted the link between the king's obvious frustration with the PLO and Arafat's rejection of the latest U.S. concessions regarding a possible Middle East peace conference.

Both papers noted that Hussein had been careful to leave the door slightly open to Arafat by declaring that the basis for their earlier two accords remained.

The French government preferred to avoid making any official comment, but French officials characterized the king's declaration and its potential fall-out as primarily an "inter-Arab matter."

France is in the midst of a major election campaign and is preoccupied by the Libyan-backed rebel raids in Chad.

French President Francois Mitterrand met this week with Lebanese President Amin Gemayel, following the breakdown of intense French diplomatic efforts to get Syrian President Hafez Assad to secure the release of four French hostages in Lebanon.

Paris-based Western specialists on the Middle East cautioned against the French press interpretation of a "complete divorce" between Hussein and Arafat.

Hussein's declaration could be interpreted as a last ditch effort to pressure Arafat into accepting UN Resolutions 242 and 338 and clear the way for the proposed Middle East conference, these analysts said.

## Reaction is mixed from East Jerusalem newspapers

Post Middle East Staff

East Jerusalem's Arabic newspapers reacted to Wednesday's speech by King Hussein of Jordan according to their political leanings. Hussein said in the televised speech that he would no longer coordinate peace moves with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

"We were shocked, and what a shock. All the hopes we built on a joint position [between Jordan and the PLO] collapsed," said the pro-Jordanian daily Al-Kuds.

Echoing Hussein's view that the PLO had made unnecessary demands, it said: "The priority which must precede everything is to liberate the land so it can remain Arab and to ensure that its own people continue to live on it."

A-Shaab, which reflects the views of hardliners in PLO leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, said Hussein's decision "was an attempt by Jordan to impose its will on the PLO."

It added: "By trying to impose its view of how events should be

shaped, Jordan wants to rob the PLO of its role in representing the Palestinian people. Jordan wants full trust placed in the U.S.... something that is not acceptable to a majority of Palestinians or Arabs."

Al-Fajr played down the differences between the king and the PLO and emphasized their common positions and goals. The paper does not want to see the PLO kept away from the centre of future political initiatives.

Both sides, said the paper, confront the same Israeli expansionism and reject Israel's proposals for a peace settlement. The main difference between the king and the PLO, said Al-Fajr, is over the acceptance of UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338.

The daily Al-Mithaq, which backs radical Palestinian groups opposed to the PLO, said Jordan's position was a "powerful slap" to the PLO. But, the paper said, the slap did not come as a surprise "because Arafat's approach ignores the aspirations of the Palestinian people."

## King discloses Jordan army now numbers 100,000 men

AMMAN (Reuters). - Jordan's armed forces have been boosted to more than 100,000 men, according to King Hussein.

The king, who made the disclosure in his major policy speech on the Palestinian question Wednesday night, said also that the forces had been modernized, "keeping them abreast of rapid technological developments as far as possible."

He gave no details, but diplomatic sources said the army recently received a fresh supply of ground-to-air missiles from the Soviet Union.

The U.S. agreed last year to sell

\$1.9 billion worth of planes and missiles to Jordan, but the deal was dropped in the face of opposition from Congress which linked it to progress in the stalled Middle East peace process.

Jordan's standing armed forces now represent about 4 per cent of its 2.5 million inhabitants, the majority of them Palestinians.

Hussein said Jordan was giving military training to many citizens as reservists through compulsory conscription and the newly-created paramilitary People's Army.

## Sanctions suspended in secondary schools

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Disruptions of classes in junior-high and high schools, as well as the threat to close down the country's 12th grade classes on Sunday, have been suspended as a result of a compromise reached yesterday between the Secondary School Teachers' Association and the government at the Jerusalem Labour Court.

The government had asked the court to issue an injunction forbidding strike action by the teachers. But the court helped the parties reach an agreement, whereby the

teachers would stop sanctions in return for intensive negotiations over their wage demands. Negotiations are to begin on Sunday and to continue for a week, at which time the parties will report back to the court.

Though the teachers had considered the government's decision to go to court an attempt to avoid negotiating, they now hope the government will negotiate seriously so that further action will not be necessary. The teachers' main demand concerns their pay, which they say has been eroded 30 per cent more than in other sectors.

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## U.S. blames Arafat for Hussein's decision to end talks with PLO

## It's a 'full stop' to the peace process

By WOLF BLITZER

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Once again, the Reagan administration has been badly disappointed by the Arabs.

The prevailing assessment in Washington now is that the year-long effort to get negotiations off the ground between Israel and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation has ground to a halt.

That was the immediate reaction to King Hussein's speech on Wednesday, during which he shelved his attempt to persuade PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to compromise by meeting the long-standing U.S. conditions for recognition of the PLO — namely, that he accept UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 as well as Israel's right to exist.

U.S. officials were not very surprised by Hussein's abandonment of Arafat. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, who has often met with Hussein in recent months, was well aware of the king's mounting frustration in dealing with the PLO leader and his repeated failure to win any breakthrough concessions from Arafat. Again, Arafat is now seen in Washington as shortighted and cowardly in refusing to take advantage of the opportunity to improve the lot of his own people. He is also seen in Washington as simply being too slippery to take the decisive steps necessary to lead to a direct American dialogue with the PLO.

"We certainly gave him every chance," an American official said. "Our hints were quite clear."

Only a week earlier, for example, the State Department had issued a lengthy public statement aimed at encouraging Arafat even at the eleventh hour to come to terms with Hussein. The statement noted that the "Palestinian problem is more than a refugee question... There should be Palestinian participation at every stage of the negotiating process."

A White House spokesman, Ed Djerejian, had told reporters a few days earlier that once the PLO accepted America's conditions, "the very next day the U.S. will be in an immediate bilateral dialogue with the PLO at a very responsible level."

But the Reagan administration — like the Carter administration before it — has again learned that even such a highly-publicized battery of thinly-veiled diplomatic overtures to the PLO are really useless in moving Arafat away from his worn-out positions of the past.

Both President Reagan and Secretary of State George Shultz never had any inflated expectations that this diplomatic initiative would succeed. That helps to explain why they let Murphy carry the ball. They did not want to be too closely identified with the expected failure.

There is a clear sense in the administration that even if Reagan or Shultz had played a more active personal role, the basic outcome would have been the same. Administration officials reject the opinion of former president Jimmy Carter and several other former Middle East specialists in the government, such as Harold Saunders and William Quandt, that a higher administration profile would have made a significant difference. The president and the secretary of state had good reasons for their scepticism.

For Reagan, there were bitter memories of his September 1982 Arab-Israeli peace initiative, which never got anywhere. He was urged to make the initial pitch during a nationally-televised address. He did so, confident of some tangible success. His name was attached to the package of proposals. He would have a tremendous foreign policy achievement. But nothing much happened and senior White House aides quickly recognized that that was a major political blunder for the president.

Shultz also had his share of frustration and failure in dealing with the Middle East. It was the secretary of state, after all, who personally nailed down the final details of the ill-fated Israeli-Lebanese security agreement of 1983. He had been involved in some personal shuttle diplomacy à la Henry Kissinger. But that framework also died quickly when confronted with a frontal attack from the Syrian regime of President Hafez Assad.

Thus, both Reagan and Shultz understandably became wary of the Middle East.

Murphy, to his credit, made a major diplomatic effort. From the start, he recognized the pitfalls and the dangers. He was hopeful but never overly confident. There was always a gnawing feeling that Arafat would not prove up to the challenge despite all the pressures.

The PLO leader, after all, was still very weak, having seen his forces kicked out of Southern Lebanon and Beirut by Israel and its Christian allies, and then from Northern Lebanon by Syria and the Abu Musabbah renegade faction of the PLO. Arafat, isolated in Tunisia, was fighting for his political survival. He had his own reasons for seeking to mend ties with Jordan and Egypt. The February 11, 1985 agreement with Hussein was largely aimed at shoring up his standing in the Arab world.

But despite repeated signals from Washington that the PLO would instantly gain American recognition by meeting the minimal American conditions, Arafat still managed to find excuses to avoid such direct action. Hussein recognized on Wednesday that Arafat was not going to do so in the foreseeable future. And now, again, Arafat and his followers are major losers.

There is little likelihood that Hussein's decision to end his dialogue with the PLO will lead to some sort of unilateral Jordanian approach toward Israel — as Prime Minister Peres and others in Israel would, of course, like. According to American officials, Hussein is still too weak to undertake any such unilateral step.

Those Israeli officials who are now waiting for Hussein to find alternative, non-PLO Palestinians for his delegation and then to embark on direct peace talks with Israel are in for another serious disappointment, according to authoritative U.S. officials. "It's not in the cards," one of them said.

The only realistic way that kind of step, U.S. analysts said, would be if he first won the permission of Syria's Assad, with whom he has been improving ties in recent weeks. But Assad would demand that his anti-Arafat, Damascus-based allies in the PLO — Abu Musabbah, Ahmad Jibril, George Habash, Nayif Hawatmeh and company — get directly involved in any international conference.

These rejectionist Palestinian elements, however, openly oppose any peace process with Israel whatsoever. They had accused Arafat of selling out to the Zionists. The chances of finding moderate Palestinians among that group — especially when there was such little success among the Arafat mainstream of the PLO — are nil.

Administration officials also believe that the Soviet Union has been consistently negative in recent months. The consensus is that Moscow actively discouraged Arafat from accepting Hussein's pleas for moderation. The Americans have little hope that the Soviet Union, in the near future, will present a more constructive posture.

As a result, the Americans have temporarily concluded that the effort to get the peace process moving has reached a dead end — even if they will not admit this in public.

Israeli officials in Washington are at least taking some comfort in knowing that Israel is not being blamed by the Americans for the collapse. Peres, after all, had gone the extra mile in accepting the notion of an international umbrella for any peace negotiations with a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation. He also was seen as genuinely flexible on other procedural as well as substantive issues.

The Americans are also not really blaming Hussein, who is widely seen as sincere in his quest for peace. But the king is also weak, simply unable to follow in the footsteps of the late Egyptian president Anwar Sadat.

"What peace process?" an American official replied, when asked to assess the state of the peace process after Hussein's speech. That sums up the gloomy atmosphere in the U.S. capital today.

## Likud: We're no closer to any settlement

By SARAH HONIG

Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Most Likud spokesmen were agreed yesterday that King Hussein's Wednesday night speech did not in any way advance the cause of Israeli-Jordanian peace. The consensus, moreover, was that Hussein was not seeking this time to impart any message whatsoever to Israel.

Nevertheless, the Likud politicians pointedly refrained from attacking Labour's reactions or conceptions, such as Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's statement that the speech created an historic opportunity for advancing Middle East peace. The Jerusalem Post was told that the Likud was keeping quiet in a conscious effort not to fan the already blazing coalition flames.

Minister-without-portfolio Moshe Arens told The Post that he regarded the speech as "good news for Israel." It is always good news whenever anyone who has close contacts with the PLO breaks them off. As long as King Hussein was kowtowing to Arafat there was always the danger of terrorist action against Israel from Jordanian territory.

Nevertheless, as Arens saw it,

"the speech does not bring us any closer to a settlement with Jordan, since Hussein is operating under severe domestic political constraints. The fact that peace with Jordan is no closer does not make us happy, but it is no tragedy either."

Arens explained that "Jordan is any case not about to go to war with Israel." Hussein knows that he can sleep quietly at night as far as Israel is concerned, and wait until conditions allow him to negotiate peace with us."

Deputy Foreign Minister Ronnie Milo, however, told The Post that "rather than increasing the likelihood of peace, Hussein's speech seems to be a step back especially if one compares it to the speech he made to the UN [last September]. This speech is far less optimistic, and Hussein's main concern seems to be to prevent friction with various groups in the Arab world, even at the expense of the peace process."

Liberal MK Sara Doron, who heads the Likud Knesset faction, told The Post that, "if anything, the Hussein speech indicates that he is interested in continuing to receive U.S. support and U.S. weaponry. He strove to drive home the point to

the Arabs in the territories that the solution to their problems must be achieved through him. Yet he does not have the courage to come to the negotiating table with Israel without Arafat. The Jordanian option, therefore, no longer exists. It will not exist as long as Hussein does not seek an independent peace."

Most Likud MKs told The Post, of the record, that, if anything, the Hussein speech pricked Peres's Jordanian option balloon. However, no Likud MK was prepared to be critical of Peres on the record.

Such criticism, The Post was told, would pour fuel on the flames Labour was already fanning to break up the coalition. The feeling in the Likud yesterday was that, "although the disagreement over economic growth was used to create a wholly artificial coalition crisis," it was, nonetheless, the most serious crisis that the coalition had faced.

The row over growth, and especially the part played by Premier Peres in deciding not to hold the weekly cabinet session on Sunday, was seen in the Likud as part of a premeditated scheme to wobble on the rotation agreement.

Likud politicians have long been

predicting that the crucial phase for the national unity government would come towards the end of February, March and April see the big party conventions, and Peres is due to go abroad later. The closer one gets to summer, the less likelihood there is of the coalition being disbanded; it is felt. This is because the closer one gets to October's scheduled rotation, the more wary will Labour be of the damage that dissolving the coalition is likely to cause the party.

While Likud politicians were afraid to criticize the Labour reaction to Hussein, Tehiya yesterday said in an official statement that "the Hussein speech exposed Labour's policy as being based on wishful thinking and self-delusion." MK Geula Cohen told The Post that Rabin's "emotional appeal to the Judea and Samaria Arabs is ludicrous, and yet one more example of the illusory policy which will one day cost Israel dearly. The Palestinians will not negotiate without the PLO, and the PLO will not take part without being promised, a priori, the last grains of sand in Judea and Samaria, just as Sadat was promised the Sinai."

## Hassidim versus mitnagdim — the newspaper war

By HAIM SHAPIRO

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Agudat Yisrael, battered and bruised by the beating it took from the Orthodox Sephardi Shas party in the last election, is in danger of further erosions of its political power, this time from Ashkenazi circles.

Giving tangible form to this threat is Yated Neeman, a newspaper under the aegis of Rabbi Eliezer Schach, mentor of the anti-Hassidic Lithuanian elements in Agudat Yisrael.

Though the paper is already a few months old, it is only recently that an out-and-out conflict has developed between its supporters and those of the official Agudat Yisrael organ, Hamodia. A few stores advertising

in one or the other paper have been burned, but for the most part, the clash has taken the form of an economic war. Insiders report that it was not uncommon, for example, for a customer to walk into a tailor and order three or four suits. The following day, he would be back to say he had just learned that the shop advertised in the rival paper and would cancel.

A meeting called last week by Rabbi Schach, ostensibly to end the conflict, in fact provided a platform for the new political alliance of Lithuanians and some of the Sephardim. Among those present were MK Shlomo Lorincz of Agudat Yisrael and Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz of Shas. Other Shas MKs have not so

far been identified with the new alliance. At least one leader of the Young Agudat Yisrael organization who was also at the meeting is quoted as saying that his group was backing the new grouping.

Additional support for Yated Neeman, and indirectly for the new grouping are the heads of some Bnei Brak yeshivot who have been instrumental in ensuring that many of the advertisements, announcing betrothals, marriages, births, and deaths, once a mainstay of Hamodia are directed to the new paper. One story making the rounds of ultra-Orthodox circles tells of a student informing the head of his yeshiva that he had just become engaged. "I won't say mazal tov until I read about it in Yated Neeman," the rabbi reportedly answered.

According to analysis by Paul Shaviv, an independent scholar and writ-

ter on the ultra-Orthodox community, the new group reflects frustration at the gradual shift of power in the Agudat from the anti-Hassidic to the Hassidic elements. The movement was founded by non-Hassidic German and Lithuanian Jews and that was its configuration until the arrival of large numbers of Hassidim after World War II, and immediately after the Hungarian uprising of 1956.

Shaviv noted, too, that the very nature of Hassidism, with its concentration of power, put it at an added advantage. When the influential Schach quit as co-chairman of the Agudat Yisrael Council of Sages, many observers believe the move was due to his frustration at the Hassidic element's control of the party.

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## Ethiopian families thrown out of Agency building

By JOEL REBIBO

For The Jerusalem Post

Two Ethiopian families who ran away from the Safad Absorption Centre because of threats of violence spent a night on the streets of Tel Aviv this week after police evicted them from a Jewish Agency office building.

Reliable sources told The Jerusalem Post that the families' troubles began on September 29 when a relative who had not attended the month-long strike in front of the Chief Rabbinate came to visit, and was almost beaten to death by a mob of young people who demanded to know why he had not been among the demonstrators.

He escaped and returned to Safad three days later to file a complaint with the police, but from that time on his relatives, Telila Gitahon and Bitza Dese and their families, were subjected to physical harassment. They left the Safad centre two months ago and turned to the Jewish Agency for help.

Micha Feldman, the agency's director of Ethiopian immigration, confirmed that the families appeared in Tel Aviv some two months ago because fights had broken out in Safad.

"I should have sent them back right away," Feldman told The Post yesterday. "But it was late at night, so I sent them to live with relatives at the Shaked Hotel in Netanya."

Feldman said he did not believe the violence was as bad as had been claimed.

The two families, with their nine children, moved into flats occupied by two singles and slept on the floor for two months. They were told that they could move to the Mevasseret Zion Absorption Centre outside Jerusalem, but the decision was later reversed.

Absorption officials said that spare housing in Mevasseret is needed for immigrants from the West," Feldman said.

On Monday, Gitahon and Dese and their families went to the Jewish Agency offices on Kaplan Street and presented their ultimatum: "Find us a house or send us back to Ethiopia."

They refused to leave the office and slept there on Monday night. "Our security personnel told them to leave and they wouldn't," he said.

The families ignored repeated requests that they leave. Eventually the police were summoned, and they were evicted. They spent Tuesday night in front of the agency building. A compromise agreement was reached on Wednesday: the families have been promised two apartments in Jerusalem's Ramot neighbourhood. One will be ready by the end of this month and one will be ready by the end of May, promised Feldman.

In the meantime they are living at the Orli Hotel in Netanya.

In a related development, Absorption Ministry Director-General Meir Shamir said this week that more than half of the Ethiopian immigrants who arrived last year will be living in permanent housing by April.

Of the 4,200 families that arrived through "Operation Moses," 2,300 have been moved out of hotels and absorption centres and into regular housing in all parts of the country, he said.

Among the 2,422 Ethiopian wage-earners, more than half are working or receiving job training.

According to a new policy on supplementary income for immigrants, Ethiopians who work will receive a minimum of NIS 600 per month.







# TALKING ABOUT AUTONOMY

## West Bank voices

THESE ARE five, not very random voices from the West Bank. Two preferred to remain anonymous. There is the journalist who speaks with Fatah's voice, a photograph of Yasser Arafat on his desk. There is the doctor, from the Jordan-Fatah bloc, pressured on one side by the Israeli military administration, on the other by the Jordanians and the PLO, but most pressured by the sounds of the wailing babies in the arms of their mothers crowding an emergency room waiting area. There is the Village Leaguer, a self-made millionaire who learned from the Israelis. His company extends from his village all the way to large construction projects in Tel Aviv and he now has former military government officers working for him. There are the two academics. One, a woman and a Rejectionist, views Zionism as a colonialist project, an extension of American imperialism. She prefers, she says, occupation to autonomy. And finally, there is the iconoclast, also an academic but a man who has found in utilitarianism a kind of new Palestinian ethic, actively calling for Israeli annexation of the territories, so that the Palestinians can finally enjoy full civil rights, and in the process, turn Israel into a "secular democratic state."

**THE BUSINESSMAN.** Jamil el-Amla: Mr. Arafat, you must decide!

The Palestinian leadership is like a worker I once had. In the days of inflation he came to me for his salary. I gave him, let's say, 100 shekels. He wanted 125, I said, no, this month you didn't deserve it. Maybe next month. He got very angry and stormed out, saying, I won't take any of your money. A month later he came back to me, without money for food, without money for rent. He said, I'll take my money. I gave him the 100 shekels. But by then it was worth only 75, and in the meanwhile I had used it to make me another 25.

I want to say to Mr. Arafat, sir, you have a problem. You sincerely want peace but you aren't strong enough to decide. You spend your time with words, words - 242 and 338 and this formula and that formula. The difference between us is that I see the only way to get anything for our people is through



An IDF soldier and a local resident in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

(Rubinger)

ROBERT ROSENBERG

peace. You believe that inside but don't say so. You must decide.

The situation is good for Israel this way, with the extremists in control. They stroke the extremists and condemn the moderates. The Village Leaguers, for example. Yes, there were mistakes and problems, but instead of allowing it to grow, the government cut it off, saying terrible things about us.

But they are tired of the fighting, of the occupation. And I tell you the leagues still exist, you will see.

Yes, fear is a central motive for us Palestinians. From the Nashashibis to Sartawi, there is fear.

But money and power, too, are important. There is no unity among us except in money. And every Arab

state has the money to push and pull at us.

Meanwhile, it hurts me to say that you Israelis, from whom I learned so much, have still not accepted us as people. You see us as terrorists. But we are people. Like you.

I want to ask Mr. Arafat: Sir, what is your plan? If he has a plan that will take 400 years to beat the Jews, let him say so and then I will know what to tell my sons.

But meanwhile I see no plans, only the stupidities. Tel Zataar and Black September and Lebanon, and still, you, Mr. Arafat, have not drawn the proper conclusions. Look at the Israelis. Moshe Dayan maybe won, maybe lost, the October War and bam, he was out.

Mr. Arafat, you should draw conclusions.

**THE REJECTIONIST:** I prefer the occupation.

We must start with the assumption that there was a people here before the Zionists, and no matter what the Zionists try to do, these people remain, exist inside and outside the land. So what can they be given? If we say these people are a people who have rights, what can they be given? We can't be given Israel now.

But Israel can offer what Teddy Kollek is offering, and I say that cynically, for I know that no matter how much cultural autonomy may be given us, without political independence all the rest is almost meaningless.

The Labour Party, yes, I know it is different from the Likud, which I think is simply a stupid political

party. But Labour can't yet see us as a people with rights.

Mr. Peres, for example, is first of all trying to convince us that we should live as second class citizens in this region. He does not offer us elections. He offers us autonomy. He does not offer us the right to protest, he offers us electricity.

So, in a way, I prefer the occupation to this other thing called autonomy. Because I prefer to be me, with all the problems it creates for me under occupation, than to be only a shadow of myself.

Don't misunderstand me, I sympathize with the Israelis, too, who live with this impasse and I don't feel that they should vanish so that I may exist.

**THE ICONOCLAST,** Sari Nusseibeh: To deal with the law, not be dealt by it.

I'll tell you a story. On the way here I was listening to Israel's Arabic radio station and it was a call-in programme. One man, from Dahariya, I believe, called in to say he wanted to go to Egypt and asked whether the Israelis can provide him with a passport, even a temporary one.

This, to me, is one more of the proofs of my basic thesis, which says that eventually the utilitarian approach will overcome the ideological approach, and slowly but surely, the Palestinians will seek rights to deal with the law, and not be dealt by it.

Let me explain. I am in favour of annexation, with full political and civil rights for the Palestinians as part of this country. We will vote for the Knesset. And eventually, by virtue of our demographics, we will turn this country into a democratic secular state.

It isn't the intellectuals with their theories of ideology and struggle who will determine the direction. It will be the real people, the workers, the peasants, the businessmen, the people who respond to the daily details of life with a search for a way to find an Israeli solution, who will set the tone.

And as the years pass without any solution, they will see that it is in their self-interest to seek full civil rights as citizens, and then, with a Knesset vote, the Palestinians could

pass, in addition to a Jewish law of return, a Palestinian law of return. Eventually, it will be a Palestinian state.

Of course, there is the two-state solution, which is the dominant ideological plan in the Palestinian movement today.

Yes, I know it was rejected - though not totally - in 1947.

But then the circumstances were different. Now it is the only real solution. My suggestion, of course, ultimately leads to the same solution that the rejectionists want, though they think it will come only with what they call a strategic balance between the Arab world and Israel.

So, if Mr. Peres wants to leave the towns, pull out the army, replace officers with Arab mayors, I'm not opposed, not at all. If he wants to get out, let him.

**THE JOURNALIST:** We are not waiting for Godot.

So you ask me what I think of autonomy, of unilateral autonomy. Nobody will cooperate with it. Nobody.

Mr. Peres wants somebody to talk for the West Bank. But I promise you nobody will talk for the West Bank. The West Bank and Gaza are only one third of the Palestinian people and the Palestinian people will only accept a package deal. The Israelis have a dream that they can create an alternative leadership. But the PLO must remain our spokesman.

The Israelis haven't reached the point where they accept the Palestinians as a people.

Sometimes I think the Israelis and the Americans are like someone who leaves the lights on when he goes to sleep, to make the burglar think that he is working. They pretend to be searching for a way to peace. But not until there is detente between the Soviet Union and the United States will the circumstances be created for moving forward.

Missed opportunities? What missed opportunities? Camp David? If only the Palestinians had been consulted. But Sadat and Begin and Carter decided for us. Now we will be patient.

The PLO has helped the peace camp in Israel far more than the Israeli government has helped the Palestinian peace camp.

Where, you ask, is the Palestinian peace camp? The PLO, of course.

Yes, I come to the conclusion that peace is very, very far away because of the Israeli government and the American government. I take no blame. You Israelis have the freedom to take some of the blame. Until I live in my own state, I have no such freedom.

**THE PHYSICIAN,** Dr. Isa Salati: It can be done.

Autonomy is something between occupation and a state - self-rule in almost everything in daily life, except foreign affairs and defence. And no matter what slogans you may be hearing, I can tell you that autonomy, full autonomy, would be accepted and it can be done unilaterally.

For imagine one day I pick up the phone to call the civil administration and the line is dead. They are gone. We'd have to organize, we'd have to manage. I won't be able to sit at home and say no, I won't cooperate. I won't be able to say, no I won't treat my patients, for the sake of civil disobedience.

But the way they are offering it is not worth the political risk.

You see, one puts a price if the commodity is worth it. But they are asking me to buy something without knowing what it is worth. Autonomy must be full from the beginning and it must lead to something resembling a state.

Yes, in that sense, Camp David was a missed opportunity. I have come to see that, just as I see that the mayors' decision to resign, rather than work with the civil administration, was also a mistake.

The Palestinians have long underestimated the strength of Israeli democracy, failed to perceive the differences between Likud and Labour, for example. And we Palestinians have no experience of such democracy for ourselves.

But the Israelis have overestimated fear as the overriding motivation in our support for the PLO.

Certainly I am not supporting violence. But once it had its place, putting us on the map, so to speak. More importantly, now the PLO with all its problems is the only thing the Palestinians can look to for leadership. The Arab states have only used the Palestinians.

## Softly-softly



Aluf (Res.) Raphael Vardi

DANIEL GAVRON

"In any case," he points out, "the IDF would still have been there, and able to prevent anything undesirable from happening."

An autonomy agreement with Egypt would have secured the cooperation of the local inhabitants, he believes. Israel could have had all the land it needed for "settlements which enhance our security."

Egypt will no longer go it alone; but Vardi insists that the Camp David option is still open. "Neither Egypt nor the Likud has repudiated Camp David," he notes. "At a certain point the Jordanians may find it convenient to use the accords as a starting point."

IN THE absence of a political agreement, Israel should move gradually to increase the scope of self-rule, repeats Vardi. "You know," he muses, "the present situation is not ideal, but it is not unbearable."

It is quite convenient for everyone, he points out, even for the local inhabitants themselves. True, they are under foreign rule, which they don't like, but they are freer than the citizens of other Arab countries. Their standard of living has risen; there is relatively full employment.

Even the Jewish settlements, which injure their national pride, bring benefits in the form of an improved infrastructure: better roads, water and electricity.

Vardi is all for Jewish settlement "according to government decision." He is against partisan settlement projects and regrets that the government was often "dragged after the fanatics." He is particularly scathing about the settlers in the heart of Hebron.

"Hebron is under our rule whether the settlers are there or not," he points out. "Who needs them there? They don't increase our security; they merely create more positions that need defending. They also cause tension and misunderstanding. They are a nuisance!"

But he rejects the idea of a settlement freeze. "Where it helps our security, we should settle," he insists. "The local inhabitants don't like it, but they don't like the army being there either. That does not mean we should withdraw the IDF."

Vardi treats a question about the moral effect of the occupation on IDF troops with great seriousness.

"It is a problem," he admits, "but we can't withdraw the IDF from the territories to save the souls of our soldiers." As far as possible, security should be in the hands of the police and Border Police. Raw recruits should not be sent to the territories.

"We have to explain to the soldiers that fighting terrorism does not mean mistreating the people," he says. "It depends on the officers. I think we have shown that our soldiers can do their job and also behave in a humane fashion."

Vardi refuses to take the proposal to extend Israeli law to the territories seriously. "If the majority wants it, it can be implemented; but it will not increase the Jewish population there by one Jew. We'll still have to live with one and a half million Arabs in the West Bank and Gaza."

IN GENERAL, Vardi is sanguine about the continuation of the status quo. The best solution would be a political agreement with Jordan, he admits, but failing that the present

situation can continue. He recalls that Moshe Dayan predicted an "explosion" in the West Bank; but it never came. The situation is relatively quiet, and there has never been anything approaching a civil rebellion.

"Few would have predicted 19 years ago that we would be in the same situation today," says the pragmatic former coordinator.

"Who knows where we'll be 19 years from now?"

Actually, he points out, there has been a regression: until 1979-80, there were Arab mayors running the

West Bank towns; today there are several Jewish mayors. Let's begin with local government, he suggests. Restore Arab-run municipalities, and then slowly, patiently, and above all quietly, start extending and increasing the authority of the local officials.

The people must be allowed to live their own lives with as little interference as possible, he insists. Israel must do nothing to provoke them, nothing to "force them onto the barricades." If the authorities act with wisdom and moderation, co-existence can be maintained.

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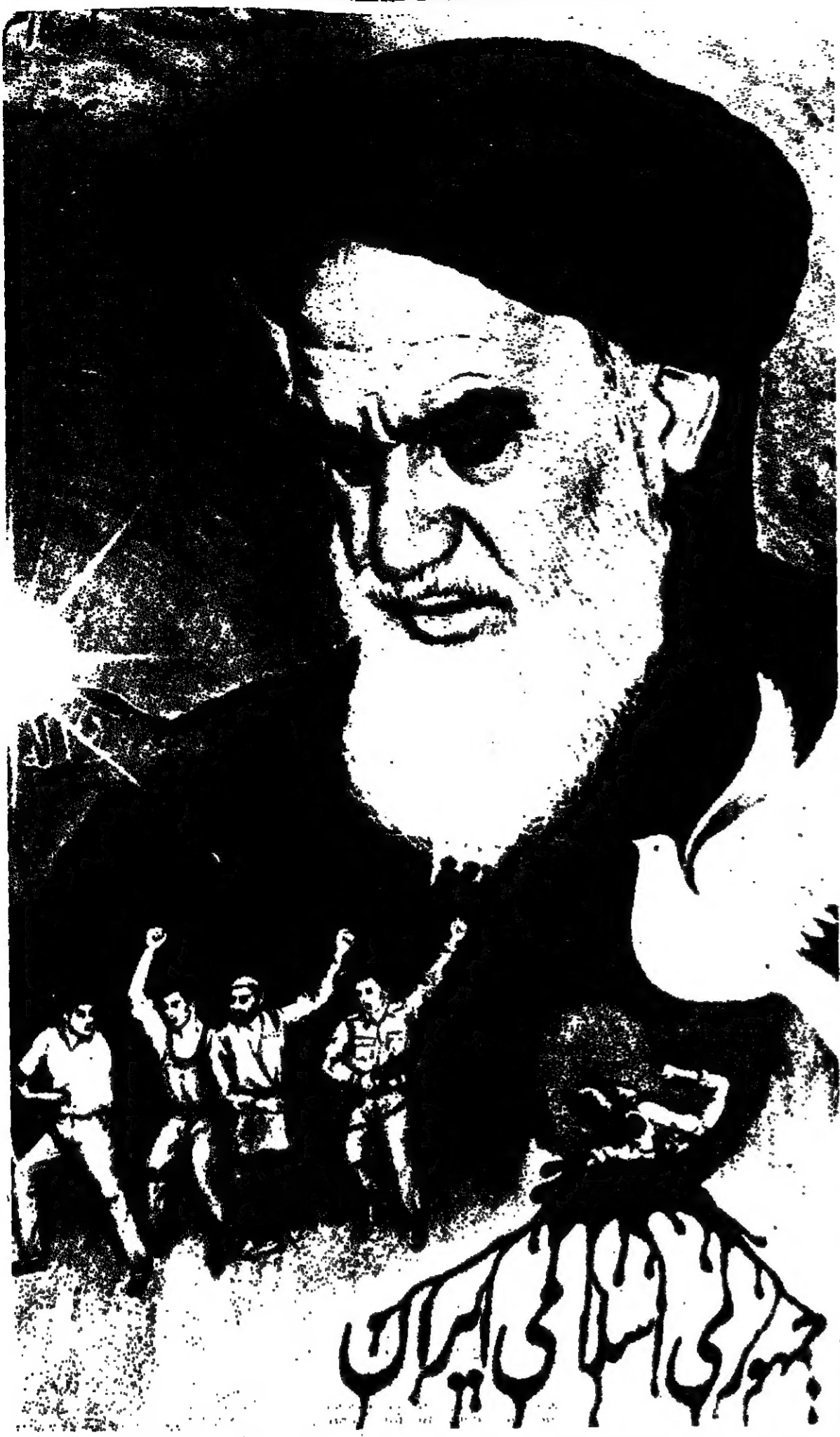
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# Bloody miscalculations

One hundred thousand people have died in the Gulf War, a conflict which an Israeli expert says results from mistakes by both Iran's Khomeini and Iraq's Saddam Hussein. Mark Segal reports.



THE WINNING side in the Iran-Iraq war seems to be the arms traders. The two countries are reportedly spending \$1 billion a month on the six-year-old war, suddenly making headlines again because of Iranian advances.

But no radical change can be expected in the balance of forces in the Gulf war, in the foreseeable future, says Dr. Martin Kramer, a senior researcher at the Dayan Centre for Middle East and African Studies at Tel Aviv University at the tender age of 31.

Kramer, who has a Ph.D. in Islamic Studies from Princeton, traces the origins of the hostilities to medieval times, but sums up recent developments rather neatly. Both Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini miscalculated, he says. Meanwhile 100,000 people have lost their lives.

With the ascent to power of the ayatollah in Teheran and the official adoption of the slogan of exporting revolution, tremors of fear began to be felt in neighbouring capitals. Saddam Hussein, who consolidated his regime by savage repression, earning himself the nickname of "the butcher of Baghdad," launched his offensive against Iran partly in self-defence against that threat. Hussein misjudged his resources by pitting 14 million Iraqis against 39 million Iranians.

Kramer stressed the grudges borne by Khomeini against the brutal Iraqi Ba'athist regime. The ayatollah spent 14 years in exile in the Iraqi Shi'ite holy city of Najaf. The Dayan Centre scholar noted that 55 per cent of the Iraqi population is Shi'ite, the most backward group in the country.

Little is known of Saddam Hussein's life. Like Syrian President Hafez Assad, he comes of humble origins, imposed a stable regime by purging his rivals, real and potential, and by rising through the military branch of the Ba'ath Party. However, while Assad has known military (air force) credentials, those of the Iraqi ruler are unknown.

While Assad has based his regime on the loyalty of his fellow Alawites, Hussein built his power base on his clansmen from the area of Tikrit in central Iraq, pulling them up the socio-economic ladder via the army and the party. Just as Assad has recently begun to cultivate historical associations with Saladin and the crushing of the Crusaders, so Hussein's regime has revived atavistic memories of the Fertile Crescent, especially in the pre-Islamic Babylonian imperial days. Lately Hussein has created a strange ideological mix, with both Pan-Arabism and religious Islamic elements, to whip up popular support for his secularist Ba'athist regime.

HOW HAVE the Iraqi Shi'ites reacted to the bid to export the Khomeini revolution?

Contrary to Iran's expectations, says Kramer, there has been no Shi'ite uprising in the Iraqi Army. Along with his harsh repressive measures, Saddam Hussein has introduced some improvements, in a sort of carrot-and-stick technique. Iran's hopes in part were based on the Shi'ite prevalence in the region adjacent to the battle zone. The Shi'ites there live in a feudal structure and have been called "the marsh Arabs." Even the major city of Basra, now the target of Iranian troops, has a sizeable Shi'ite population. However, Dr. Kramer mentions reports of this segment of the Iraqi people being too browbeaten to act against the Ba'athists. Many Shi'ites have been known to have fought alongside their fellow Iraqi Sunnis against the Iranian troops.

Thus both sides miscalculated: Saddam Hussein expected a walkover enabling him to occupy part of Iran, and to extract concessions from Khomeini, particularly a commitment of non-intervention in Iraq. A final target was the fall of the Khomeini regime. His hopes were based on the assumption that the Iranian Army was, as the result of revolutionary turmoil, incapable of resistance.

Khomeini correctly depended on manipulating the masses with religious fervour to mount a counter-offensive, but mistakenly relied on Iraqi Shi'ites as a fifth column to smooth Iran's way to victory. Here Dr. Kramer quotes the eminent

scholar, Prof. Bernard Lewis as wittily describing the war as "a resistable force meets a movable object."

Hussein also miscalculated by not anticipating the ascendancy of Khomeini's hard-line Islamic Republican Party in Teheran over "moderates" like ex-President Bani-Sadr (now in exile in France). Iraq reportedly hoped to do business with Bani-Sadr's people in order to block the export of the revolution. However, the American hostage crisis and the Iraqi invasion, Kramer says, strengthened the radicals, with moderates purged and fleeing into exile. Thus unwittingly, Hussein's war brought about the consolidation of the regime he so detested, with the Khomeini terror intensifying, and the hard-liners activating the masses through religion.

This led to the dominance in Teheran of those who refuse to ever reach a negotiated accommodation with Saddam Hussein, resolving to continue the war until his downfall and replacement by an Islamic Republic.

"NOT since Nasserist Egypt," says Kramer, "has there been a Middle Eastern state that considers it has such a right to intervene in the affairs of other Islamic countries." He adds knowingly: "It's not just an invention of the media but an official formulation of ideology to talk in terms of exporting revolution. They do not speak of using force but of employing persuasive methods, the sort of offers you can't afford to refuse."

In talking about Shi'ite exploitation of what might be termed the suicide syndrome, Kramer came to Lebanon's most charismatic Shi'ite cleric, Sayid Muhammad Husayn Fadlallah, patron of the radical Hizballah (Party of God). He was born in Najaf, the Iraqi Shi'ite holy city where Khomeini was in exile, in 1935, but his late father came from South Lebanon. Fadlallah returned to Lebanon in 1966, settling in Beirut. Since the Iranian revolution, Fadlallah acquired a political following, especially among Shi'ite students at the Arab University of Beirut. He often called for the overthrow of the Iraqi regime, claiming its agents sought to assassinate him.

After 1983, Iranian influence grew in Lebanon, mainly through the Hizballah alliance led by Fadlallah. In justifying Shi'ite terror in Lebanon, Fadlallah says: "We are the oppressed of the earth, we may be unable to employ aircraft carriers like America, but having been driven to desperation, we have to employ the resources at our disposal."

It is known, Dr. Kramer relates, that the Iranian Embassy in Damascus finances and arms Hizballah terror in Lebanon, as an integral part of its export-of-the-revolution policy. In his view, any significant advance by Iran against Iraq in the war could have ramifications among the Lebanese Shi'ites, giving Hizballah the edge over Amal, with repercussions on the southern Lebanese border region, especially as regards terror tactics against Israel.

The Khomeini regime sees in Israel "an illegal entity, a usurpation of Islamic land." As the Dayan Centre scholar points out, the Shi'ites speak in terms of forcibly converting Lebanon into an Islamic Republic and of "liberating Palestine and Jerusalem for the rule of Islam."

TALKING of the Syrian connection, Kramer refers to the paradox of its de facto alliance with Iran, despite Damascus having the same kind of secular nationalist regime as Baghdad. With all Assad's enmity for Saddam Hussein, a Khomeini triumph would bring diluted joy to Damascus. Assad would not like the Islamic fundamentalists of Teheran breathing down his neck, and there is already disagreement between Iran and Syria over Lebanon, where Assad most certainly would not tolerate the fulfilment of its fundamentalist aims. Should Iran make gains in Iraq, it would spark new troubles for Syria in Lebanon, says Kramer. He adds that if during the war's stalemate, Syria helped Iran, this would change once Khomeini was seen again to be the ascendancy.

Jordan, he notes, has been in alliance with Iraq for some time, with material reaching Baghdad from Amman, and Jordan TV screen-



Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and, below, Iranian PoWs. (Keystone, INA)



ing scenes of King Hussein bidding farewell to Jordanian volunteers going to fight on Iraq's side. Obviously an Iranian victory would have serious implications for the Hashemite kingdom, and even more so for the Saudi royal family.

Since 1979 the Saudis have been keeping a wary eye on their Shi'ite minority in their oil-producing eastern coastal province. Iranians are the largest group of Haj pilgrims to Mecca and Medina, and in 1981 and 1982 they mounted huge pro-Khomeini demonstrations in the Great Mosque and elsewhere. The Saudis have sought a *modus vivendi* with Khomeini to stop the spread of subversion and even perhaps halt the war; they have also supported Iraq's war effort to the tune of \$30 billion. It was mooted that the Saudi Arabians may even pick up the war reparations tab, one of Iran's terms for ending the war.

THE SAUDIS feel frustrated, for all their mediation efforts have been to no avail, and Iran's latest advance must have come as something of a shock. But nothing, Kramer points out, compared to the consternation spreading through the Gulf states from Kuwait, which finds itself right on the front-line. For some time the Kuwaitis have been the target of Khomeini-backed subversion, with the *emir* last year subject to an assassination attempt. They have

been expelling Shi'ites for some time, even Kuwaiti nationals. Now they have the war on their doorstep, and they look to the Saudis and the Gulf Cooperation Council for protection.

The stalemate in the war has been convenient for the superpowers, and an Iranian success would pose not only a threat to American interests, but also to the Saudis and the peace process. The Soviets have much to be wary of, says Kramer, mentioning their four million Shi'ite subjects in Soviet Azerbaijan adjoining Iran and the 55 million Moslems inhabiting their Asian republics.

Both the U.S. and the USSR are devils to be avoided in Khomeini's view, says Kramer. He does not buy Henry Kissinger's talk of Iran becoming "the China of the 1990s" — that the present Iranian phase could be compared to Mao's cultural revolution, and after Khomeini, there may be a shift to the West, with Iran focussing more on the threat posed by its long border with the Soviet Union, not forgetting the Soviet troops occupying neighbouring Afghanistan.

Kissinger may have underestimated the religious fervour in Iran, and the unifying force of the war against Iraq, says Kramer. Iran may continue to avoid "the two devils," he says, and remain neutral and a troublemaker well towards the end of the 20th century.

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THE WHOLE country has been watching how our most publicized couple Anatoly and Avital Shecharansky have been coping with the media razzmatazz since the moment he came through the Iron Curtain. It'll be nothing to what Mayor Ed Koch has in store for them on their upcoming visit to New York. No wonder they've taken refuge in the north from the too, too loving embrace of our big Jewish family.

Friends of the new oleh say there's no chance that he will allow himself to be spiritually bullied into anything, although he has said he will do the maximum to make his wife happy by observing kashrut, not travelling on Shabbat, and even attending services at the Kiryat Moshe neighborhood synagogue. Another indication of his not being sucked into that environment is his announced resolve to study Arabic.

Unlike his wife, with her political involvement with Gush Etzion and her harping on the Greater Israel theme, Anatoly has made clear his intention of steering clear of politics. I gather he has refrained from replying to Herut's invitation to attend the opening session of its national convention in Jerusalem on March 9. Yossi Achimeir, media aide to Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, has denied the *Ha'aretz* story quoting his boss as saying "Herut is Shecharansky's natural home, and it's only a matter of time until he joins us."

The Shecharanskys were pursued by the paparazzi into Beit Hanassi, where they were warmly welcomed by President Chaim Herzog and his wife Aura. In 1977, Herzog was among the first to extend Avital an encouraging hand while ambassador at the UN. He has since connections with the Soviets in Anatoly's cause, especially one of the top UN Russian officials, Viktor Losiowski, who became his go-between with the Kremlin. When Shecharansky was first arrested, the official line was that he would be sentenced to death for treason. However, Losiowski assured Herzog that he would only get a stiff jail term, and half-way through it his fate would be reconsidered. *Newsweek* magazine later fingered Losiowski as the head of



Chaim Herzog



Yitzhak Moda'i



Bruno Kreisky



Yael Dayan



Aluf Matan Vilnay

man Arye Dutzin. His wife, Raya Savidor has incidentally just become chairman of World Wizo's public relations department.

While Jesus managed to walk on the Sea of Galilee (Kinneret), our tourism industry whiz-kids thought they'd found a gimmick by attaching his crowd-drawing name to the vessel newly unearthed on the Tamar beach by our top maritime archaeologist Sheli Waxman. As he sought to pin down the origins of his discovery, a fight for possession began between Kibbutz Ginosar and Haim Barless, chairman of the local council of Migdal, the legendary birthplace of Mary Magdalene.

Among the VIP visitors to the site were amateur archaeologists U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering and his wife Alice. He quipped: "Diplomacy is the art of concealing the revealed. Archaeology is the art of revealing the concealed."

Apart from his publishing business, Lord Weidenfeld devotes much time to Israeli causes. On his current U.S. trip, he has been fund-raising for the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in San Francisco, where Mayor Diane Feinstein awarded him the freedom of the city and the local Jewish community presented him with a 1500 BCE Canaanite inkwell. It joins the King Ahab period bronze dagger he got from Peres during the PM's London stay.

U.S. Jewish composer Benjamin Lees is flying here for the March 9 special IFO concert under conductor Zubin Mehta to hear the Israel premiere of his Symphony No. 4 *Memorial Candles*, based on the poetry of Nelly Sachs, who shared the Nobel Literature Prize with S.Y. Agnon in 1966. The work with solo parts for voice and cello was commissioned by the Dallas Symphony Orchestra to commemorate the Holocaust.

The initiative for mounting the concert came from Feigi Zimmerman of Montreal and Kfar Shmaryahu who in addition to leading Keren Hayesod's international women's division works for several other causes. The concert will benefit two of them: tickets can be obtained from Beth Hatefutsot's Miriam Ben-Haim and Tel Hashomer hospital's Era Shara.

## Running from the razzmatazz

KGB operations in North America. Even after Herzog returned home they kept in touch, and when he was elected president, Losiowski sent him a message of congratulations on the official newspaper of the Soviet Foreign Ministry, where he headed the department for international organizations. He died last year.

TO ALL THOSE foreign newsmen and diplomats who've been wondering about the rude exchanges at Sunday's cabinet meeting, I endeavor to explain that such expressions of bores are standard diet for anyone of us raised in an overheated Jewish family environment. No wonder a delegate to the international congress on psychiatry, law and ethics in Tel Aviv wondered whether they could help with some group therapy for our politicians. When Health Minister Mordechai (Motta) Gur opened the confab, he referred to the cabinet meeting as an illustration of the heightened stress to which Israeli society is subject.

Likud Knesset faction head Sara Doron and fellow MKs toasted Fi-

nance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i's success in beating inflation, with Herutnik Michael Eitan breaking into verse. Roughly translated, it ran: "The index is down, all hail to Yitzhak Moda'i. No anxiety for the economy. Thanks to his cuts, no ifs and no buts. No thanks to Peres and Shabshal."

The demonstrative absence of Herutnik Deputy Premier David Levy and Liberal Science Minister Gideon Palti came as a reminder of how all Likud ministers except for Moda'i voted against the economic programme they now claim credit for.

Moda'i had a good time quoting from Yael Dayan's attack in *Davar* on Premier Shimon Peres about the proximity of the rotation deadline informing his current stand on economic growth. Some Labourites wish she would stick to writing about the extra-marital peccadillo of her late father.

VISITORS at the Prime Minister's Office were taken aback to see Herutnik hotelier Haim Shiff calling

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on Peres. It seems he sought more government aid to bail him out. The PM received him, courteously, and advised him to apply to Moda'i.

Meanwhile, the aftermath of Herut's internal elections is still rocking the party. Coalition executive chairman Haim Kaufman has turned out a bad loser after Gideon Gadot's group dislodged his 17-year-old grip on the Petah Tikva branch.

Dan Meridor came out on top in Jerusalem, ahead of Dr. Binjamin Ze'ev Begin and his father, Menachem. But the victory has gone to Reuven (Rubi) Rivlin, former Jerusalem Betar football club chairman, who whipped former Likud mayoral candidate Yehoshua Matza, hitherto branch boss. They're saying that Rivlin may even be preferred over Ehud Olmert as the party's next mayoral candidate.

In Bat Yam, amiable Herut party

spokesman Yossi Brun demonstrated his clout at grass-roots level, while in Herzliya, Mayor Eli Landau consolidated his local power base.

Ever since IDF manpower head, Aluf Matan Vilnay (son of our eminent geographer, Prof. Ze'ev Vilnay) cracked down on anti-Zionist missionary soul-poaching in the army, he's been getting hate letters. He also told *Bamahane* the army monthly, that "if the many thousands of yeshiva boys who were not called up last year had been drafted, the IDF could have been augmented by a number of fighting units."

THE ATTENTION paid to Peres's call for economic growth at the Tel Aviv Dan Hotel luncheon of the Society of Israel Friends of the Weizmann Institute tended to overlook his cry for re-aligning national priorities to keep up with the second technological revolution. After society chairman Aaron Gafny praised Peres for his civilized style of political leadership, the PM said "I don't usually agree with ex-Austrian chancellor Bruno Kreisky. One exception

was when he said, 'Never contradict anyone who praises you!'" Among the guests one could see many of the coming figures in the private sector, such as Yair Hamburger (Harel Shimschon Insurance), Leon Recanat (Discount Bank) Yitzhak Kolberg (Yeda high tech), and Dan Gillerman (Chambers of Commerce president).

It's good to hear of the marked success in the Netherlands of our new ambassador, Ze'ev Sufot and his wife Mary, who have more than repaired the damage done by the previous political appointee. As one of our most experienced diplomats, his expertise came in handy during Peres's recent visit to The Hague and his historic encounter with Spanish Premier Felipe Gonzalez.

EX-KNESSET speaker Menachem Savidor has finally been rewarded for staying loyal to the Likud Liberals by being picked as chairman of the Israel executive of the World Jewish Congress, to replace S.Z. Abramov who has joined the new centre party of Jewish Agency chair-

THAT RARE home production, *Near Ones and Dear Ones*, made a triumphant return to our screens, with an episode devoted to the inspiring vision that provides the reason for the optimism of the vanguard of the Jewish people, those who have made aliya or were born in Israel, even in the midst of their darkest hours - the dream of discovering a rich American uncle prepared to shower his undeserving Israeli relatives with greenbacks.

I have a clear recollection of an episode in the previous series of *Near Ones and Dear Ones* in which the family were trying to ingratiate themselves with a wealthy American visitor, but it is churlish to recall such things; a certain repetition of ideas is inevitable in a long-running series. Aldous Huxley warned that the greatest danger in creative work is not plagiarism of others, but of oneself. Even I have been known to repeat myself. So let us not carp and complain: it is wonderful to have the family back with us.

There was one terrific scene in which the family dress up to receive the uncle in the clothes that he has sent them from the U.S. Liora was very enticing in evening dress, 1948 style, and Yehoram was so sexy in striped pyjamas that he looked exactly like the actor playing the lover in a dramatic film now being shown in our cinemas. The old clothes that the uncle sent them remind me of a woman friend who was once approached to provide old garments for a jumble sale in aid of charity. Drawing herself up to her full height with considerable dignity, she said, "Charity begins at home. I wear my jumble."

Flattering a millionaire relation from America is beset with pitfalls. Ogden Nash once wrote a poem about how rich people never pay for poor people, who strain their budgets to entertain the rich in the style to which they are presumably accustomed. At one time, when I was trying to promote the sale of paintings at a friend's exhibition, somebody put me in touch with a billionaire, who was so fond of his dog that he had provided it with its own Rolls and chauffeur. I was told that he - the billionaire, not the dog - would be certain to be a soft touch to buy a painting. So I dined him and wined him, and, when he was full of my champagne, got him to the exhibition. Apparently his dog was not a patron of the arts, only of automobiles; neither the dog nor the billionaire bought a picture.

*Near Ones and Dear Ones* is not only the most successful indigenous show done for Israeli television - it is a reflection of the contemptuous attitude of Israel Television to local imaginative work that it was created by Educational Television - it is also of international quality. I find it every bit as slick and professional as most English and American comedy series. It is all the more enjoyable, because it uses Israeli situations and wisecracks, apart from the language the characters speak being Hebrew. It will be interesting to see what comic ideas its producers can find in modern Israel.

I noticed that one joke, about the rapid deterioration of the currency, indicated that the film was made in the days of runaway inflation, before the great stabilization programme came into effect. So the jest fell very



Yehoram Gaon and Liora Rivlin, one of the husband and wife couples in 'Near Ones and Dear Ones'

## Triumphant return

flat. It is not easy to mock topical events in Israel: things change at so rapid a speed that today's uproarious crack is incomprehensible tomorrow.

But, again, let us not indulge in nit-picking. We must provide the family with a royal welcome, and pray that their success will inspire others to make Israeli comedies.

IN MY time I must have seen thousands of thrillers, apart from having read perhaps scores of thousands. I have observed with fascinated interest the evolution of the thriller from the adventure tales of Wilkie Collins, Edgar Allan Poe and Arthur Conan Doyle, through the whodunit problems posed by Agatha Christie and Ellery Queen, to the

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combination action-whodunits of Dashiell Hammett, Raymond Chandler and John D. MacDonald. Then the wheel went full circle - we now have action without problems, where we know the villain right away. We are back with adventure, as in *The French Connection*.

But all this training has not equipped me to cope with a new kind of thriller now being shown on television. These are shows which are completely incomprehensible to the average viewer. No clues or explanations are given at the beginning, in

the middle or in the end of what the detectives are detecting.

An example was this week's episode of *Bulman*. There was this sweet old madame, Kate, with a dream of a conservatory in Norwood, who was being persecuted by some foreign character, who is protected, for some reason never explained, by the Home and Foreign Offices. Bulman and Lucy seem to find out by osmosis exactly where to go to find clues, although how I couldn't fathom, and eventually the villain is brought to book because Lucy's friend, a woman columnist, asks him some embarrassing questions, so he smacks her in the kisser, and gets arrested, while Bulman does some sleight-of-hand to steal the mysterious document the villain

made Kate sign four times. What it was all about was beyond me. Generally, this *Bulman* series has been far below the standard of its predecessor.

Another thriller which had me baffled even after it was all over was *The Treachery Game*, that British three-parter that ended last week, about the CIA hypnotising a blonde to shoot people, and some inoffensive ex-agent being picked on as the fall guy. It was exciting and bewildering, and remains so in retrospect. Even from hindsight, I don't know why people did what they did.

I am not insisting on every string being tied and every knot securely knotted, à la Hercule Poirot explaining everything in the final denouement, but I would like to understand what a series or film was all about by the time we reach journey's end. This may seem to be nagging on my part, but it's the way I feel, and there's nothing I can do about it.

WE HAD a terrific television film on Tuesday night, one that we will not soon forget, David Price's *Rainy Day Women*: a BBC exposé of the unlocking of the Nazi spirit in local bullies in a remote British village in 1940. These were members of the Home Guard, given guns and authority to use them. A German invasion is possible, even probable: "Rainy Day" is the codeword for the beginning of the invasion.

The leader of the bullies, portrayed by an actor with the appropriate name of Hogg, gets his gang to do unspeakable things to a number of women and a boy, before slaughtering them. An ineffectual captain, with psychological problems, gets a warning to the army that a British pogrom is about to take place, and is first ignored and then imprisoned. After finding out that he was right, the army does a *Watergate*: it blows up the house where the bodies are lying, and pretends that it was all done by a German bomber. The captain goes on to become a very successful officer, a pillar of the regiment.

After the discovery of what the Germans had done at Auschwitz and the other camps, it was fashionable to wonder how the Germans - such a cultivated people, who had produced Goethe, Beethoven, etcetera,

etcetera, etcetera - could have been transformed into monsters. It has now become abundantly clear that the only thing that distinguished the Germans from other human monsters is the efficiency with which they put the evil of which man is capable into practical action.

Over the week-end, we were shown the Kach meeting. Large numbers of people have spoken to me about two aspects of it - how horrifying the scenes were, and whether they should have been shown. Those who believe they should not, argue that extremists, like terrorists, thrive on publicity, and that it was a mistake to give them prime time on television.

As against this, chauvinism and xenophobia have grown so strong in Israel that it is ostrich-like to hope that they will disappear if they are not shown on the TV screens. One ex-German phoned me in great distress to say that the Kach film reminded him of the early years of the Nazi Party, before Hitler came to power. He said that at the time the movement was considered something of a minor excrement, which would disappear if ignored; like a man hoping that the signs he sees in himself of a cancer are illusory, and avoids going to a doctor for surgery.

The main character in the Kach show on television was the man with the twisted mouth. I know that it is bad form to refer to a person's looks - somebody once asked me how I would like to be smeared at for my Hapsburg lip, and I replied that I wouldn't mind a reference to proof of my royal lineage. It is possible that his appearance may be due to some physical defect, in which case I apologize for what I am about to write. His mouth gave him a very sinister appearance, as he preached some of the most revolting sentiments ever to be pronounced by a Jew.

What worries me is not that Kach will ever gain power, but the effect they are having on other parties. Nobody in Tebiya or the Likud hopes to win the votes of Shulamit Aloni or Yossi Sarid or Philip Gilon; but they are battling for the votes that might go to Kach. Hence they must outdo Kach. We already see how reluctant the Likud is to outlaw racism.

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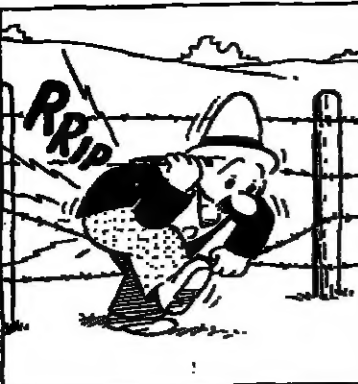
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Audi 80, 1980, 1983, year's test. 05-  
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Mini 73, automatic, rare, year's test.  
03-856419.

### AUTOBANCHI

AutoBanchi, one owner, from rental,  
excellent condition. 03-244695.  
Junior, 1984, mechanically and exteriorly  
new, 6,000. 03-821235, 03-  
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316 1, 1980, 1984, 30,000, electric, all  
possible accessories. 052-72423, 052-  
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BMW 1600, 1982, 63,000km. 08-  
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# Out of the textbook and into the fire

Harsh experience has forced the country's economists to alter their views. Avi Temkin reports.

ISRAELI economists have travelled a long way in the last 15 years. Reality has forced them to abandon the relatively simple world of abstract models based on the American or European realities, and to face the complexities of the Israeli economy. The process was not a simple one. Personal and academic reputations were at stake. Neither was it a cheap process. It took an inflation rate of some 800 per cent for the country's mainstream economists to correct their views.

In the last decade and a half, the economy has witnessed two wars, one mini-war, two oil price crises and one experiment with exchange rate liberalization. It was the country's economists' task to find ways to adapt the economy to the new conditions created by these external shocks, while at the same time creating conditions for a structural change that would transfer resources from the services to the productive sector.

When the Israel Economic Association met on Tuesday for its annual conference, a partial summing up of these efforts emerged. On both the theoretical and practical levels, they had failed. True, economists have emerged from the last 15 years with a better understanding of the economy, but this was achieved at great cost.

Some 10 years ago, at another meeting of the association, a paper

by Zvi Sussman and Yael Arstein articulated in a systematic way what had become the standard view over the years. To transfer resources to industry, especially industry producing exportable goods, it is necessary to implement a "real devaluation" of the local currency - i.e., a rate of devaluation higher than the accumulated rate of inflation. And, to ensure that the devaluation not be wiped out by inflation, wage increases must be restrained and public and private expenditure cut.

These views were soon implemented by the government and the Bank of Israel. From the early 1970s until 1985, on and off, they tried to achieve that elusive "real devaluation." One way or another, however, the public has always outsmarted the economists. Wages and standards of living, far from falling, actually rose. Inflation did not go down, but developed into hyperinflation in 1984. The policy's only "achievement" was a slowdown in economic growth, from 7 per cent a year in the 1969-1973 years to some 2 per cent a year in the last decade.

The basic reasoning behind this policy is that if the government succeeds in controlling expenditure and wages following a devaluation, then purchasing power will go down and labour costs will not rise by as much as the rate of devaluation. Thus, the increase in inflation that usually fol-

lows a devaluation would not be so large, and it would be only temporary.

This week, 10 years after the Arstein-Sussman paper was presented, the association members were presented with a new paper by Liora Meridor, a senior economist at the Bank of Israel, from which it emerges that there is no clear-cut, direct link between the government deficit and the rate of inflation. The latter, says Meridor in her report, is in fact determined by the rate of devaluation.

These ideas can be taken one step further. It is possible to state that government deficits and monetary injections are a positive function of the rate of inflation. In other words, since most government spending is linked to prices, but taxes are not, the deficit will increase every time the inflation rate goes up. Moreover, the uncertainty that accompanies varying rates of devaluation and inflation will convince the public that the best hedge against the potential plans of the government is to buy foreign currency and sell shekel assets.

To understand the difference between this latter view and the "orthodox" one, it is enough to look at the results of the policy implemented by Yigal Cohen-Orgad, in 1984, and those of the current economic plan. When Cohen-Orgad was finance minister, his stated priority was to boost exports and cut imports. The shekel was devalued at an accelerated rate, subsidies for basic commodities cut and controlled prices increased. The result was a new jump in inflation, which increased the deficit and monetary injections, and a wave of speculative purchases of dollars, financed with the money pumped by the government. The government's reaction was to increase even more the rate of devaluation - which pushed the rate of inflation even further: this enlarged the deficit and financed more speculative purchases.

The plan launched in July has had more luck than other plans. But it was also based on solid foundations: the other plans lacked. The frozen exchange rate served as a powerful anchor which provided the economy with much needed stability.

The theoretical views on which the stabilization plan was partially based are not new. They were developed by a minority among the profession, whose views were put forward five years ago by Meridor and Uri Litvin, another Bank of Israel economist, at yet another meeting of the association. They were also expressed by Yakkir Plessner, who was later appointed deputy governor of the Bank of Israel.

Plessner reasoned that the rate of inflation is directly linked to the rate of increase in wages and to the rate of devaluation. Thus, if he could synchronize the rate of increase of controlled prices, the exchange rate and wages, he could expect a similar rate of increase in other prices. This opened the way for a gradual reduction in inflation, by gradually reducing the other three factors.

When Plessner's views were implemented by then finance minister Yoram Aridor, the Treasury was not able to secure the collaboration of the Histadrut and the private employers. Wages kept rising since the industrialists assumed that they could prevent labour unrest by paying higher wages, and that sooner or later the government would devalue to erode the higher salaries.

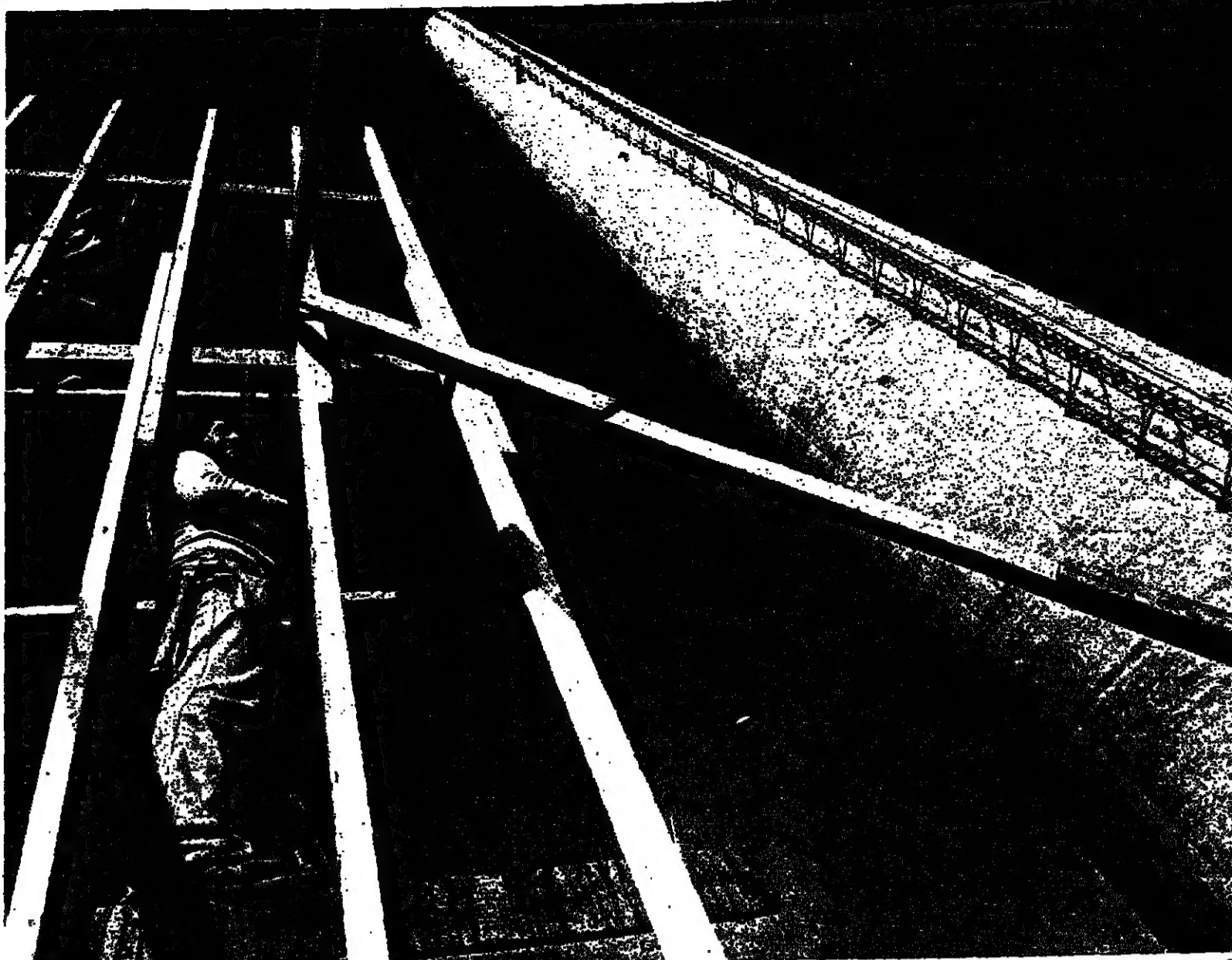
Plessner and Aridor were not able to control public expenditure, which rose as a result of the war in Lebanon. This soon financed a spending spree, which put unnecessary strains on the balance of payments.

These two factors ruined the chances of the plan even before it was implemented. It was Aridor's costly error to try to implement the plan despite these developments.

Thus, policy and theory have travelled a long way from the days when the public was considered a passive element in economic policy. Economists have learned that the Israeli economy is very different from the textbook model. One can only regret the high price we all had to pay to learn this simple truth.



Yoram Aridor...an inability to control public expenditure helped to spoil an economic plan before it was implemented. (Yossi Zamir)



Oil prices go up and down - but coal is still king, at least for the time being, says the Energy Ministry. Above is a view of the Hadera power station under construction, where coal will continue to burn. (R. Nowitz)

## HARD-HEADED THINKING

A COUNTRY'S army, they say, marches on its stomach. Since the Industrial Revolution, a country's economy marches on its fuel supplies and its electric power stations.

What happens when food prices begin to tumble? Does the army throw away its pantries, larders and food warehouses? Not by a long shot!

The slide in world crude oil prices that began about five months ago continues, and is even gaining momentum. Hardly a day goes by without reports of further price cuts by this or that oil-producing country.

On the world's stock exchanges, share price indices keep soaring, breaking records almost daily, as lower energy prices hold out higher earnings for thousands of industrial firms.

At the Energy Ministry in Jerusalem, all this excitement over plummeting oil prices is being tempered by some hard-headed thinking about the longer term.

"We are not going to rush out and convert our coal-fired power stations to mazut (residual oil) - no, not yet," says Dr. Ilan Maoz, director of the ministry's policy and planning department.

Maoz, a veteran university-based fuel economist, was called in by former Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i as a policy adviser, and was retained by Moshe Shahal when he took over the ministry.

At Maoz's initiative, Shahal announced yesterday that the Hadera and Ashkelon power stations will continue to use coal despite the drop in oil prices. What is more, even the power stations still on the drawing boards - both in the Haifa area and tentatively named Unit Three and Unit Four - will be based on coal.

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Moreover, the ministry is still going to support companies' ongoing programmes of converting from oil to coal for their operations. Among the most recent newcomers to coal are the Negher Cement plants at Ramle and Haruv, Israel Phosphates, Izhar Edible Oils, Tet Bet Foods and Argaman Textiles.

Only new plans by manufacturers to convert to coal will be ignored - and this may change in time. Maoz stressed, "as soon as the world oil market regains stability."

But full ministry support will continue for research-and-development activities aimed at developing alternative sources of energy. These include solar energy, geothermal-feed turbine driven systems, shale oil, wind-power and hydro-electricity.

"In setting national energy policy," Maoz explains, "you must maintain a balance in your thinking between the long term and the short term. Just as world crude oil prices are now falling sharply, they can suddenly stage a turnaround and start a steep ascent."

"In addition, R&D in the field of energy is more for Israel than a search for new energy sources. Energy R&D is a valuable export item, whose growth could substantially help narrow the country's wide balance-of-payments chasm."

"A steady supply of energy is absolutely vital in a frequently hostile world marketplace. We have no choice but to continue our policy of active stockpiling."

Another "non-price" consideration tipping the scales in favour of coal is the ecological element. The Energy Ministry has it from the Environmental Protection Service that all things considered, a coal-fired power station poses less of a nuisance as an air polluter than does a mazut-fired installation.

At this writing, Israel is paying about \$16 per barrel for its Egyptian crude, about \$14 for the Mexican, and approximately \$100 a ton for mazut (either imported or locally produced) and \$57 a ton for coal.

Maoz, admitting that "I'm an economist, not a prognosticator," now looks for a 4 to 12 per cent drop in world coal prices by 1990, compared with the average price in 1985, and for a drop of 15 to 40 per cent world crude oil prices by 1990.

But he hastens to add that in economic terms, the price of any fuel must be adjusted upwards to account for the investment and cost of building new power stations, be they oil or coal-fired ones. Israel's policy has been, and remains, to plan all future power plants as dual-fuel installations, even if construction of such plants is slightly more costly than single-fuel types.

To underscore the folly of discarding operational schemes in the face of price swings, Maoz notes that whereas the price of coal on the Rotterdam spot market dropped by 15 per cent between 1984 and 1985, this welcome development came on the heels of a 30 per cent rise in price between 1983 and 1984.

"You've got to have three pairs of eyes at work all at the same time, when you try to set Israel's fuel procurement policy," he tells you. "With one set you must look at the past; with the second set, at the present; and with the third, at the future."

## Neo-Biblio-Greco-Roman



A horde of meaty men invaded Beersheba this week for the express purpose of slamming each other to the ground. They came here from Europe, America and throughout Israel, seventy of them, the big fellows of sport, to take part in an international wrestling tournament.

Unlike the professional wrestlers who visited Israel some months ago, these grapplers don't have nicknames like the Crippler, the Iceman or the Missing Link. This is Greco-Roman wrestling, and it's serious. Every grunt, snort and snarl is real. No outrageous costumes, no good guys and bad guys, no cries of "fake," and accordingly, few spectators.

The sport is not foreign to this country; in fact, they go back a long way together, to Biblical times, when Jacob outpointed the angel. Getting back to his feet, the divine messenger blessed the victor with a new name, "The One Who Wrestled With God" - or, in Hebrew - "Yisrael."

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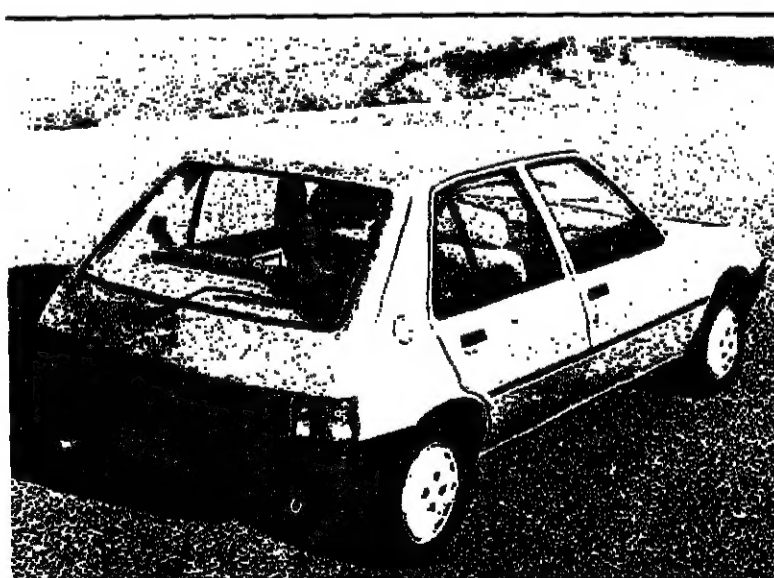
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## The case for diesel-power cars

PURSE STRINGS / David Krivine



The Peugeot 205, which comes in petrol and diesel versions.

DIESEL engines used to be noisy and smelly, suitable only for heavy trucks. Lately their construction has improved beyond recognition and the world is now flooded with diesel passenger-cars - except for Israel.

The problem in Israel is that a litre of solar (fuel for diesel engines) costs the motorist 60 agorot (40 cents) at the pump, whereas a litre of petrol (96 octane) costs him NIS 1.01 (67 cents), or two-thirds more. Petrol is taxed because that is a way of penalizing the luxury of private motoring.

If diesel cars were available everybody would buy them because the fuel is (relatively) cheap; so their import is forbidden. Does that make sense?

To my surprise and gratification the Treasury thinks not. Its reasoning is as follows: a diesel car is more expensive to buy than a petrol car, but cheaper to run (assuming petrol and solar are taxed the same). So which car is more economical in foreign currency? It depends on the amount of travel done. If you drive less than 17,000km. a year, the petrol car works out cheaper; if more than 17,000km. a year, the diesel is cheaper.

These calculations were made a couple of years ago. I suspect the odds have moved in favour of the diesel since then, because the difference in purchase price has narrowed. In three examples I culled from the columns of the British "Motor" magazine, the differences range from 3.5 per cent to a modest 7.5 per cent.

A Peugeot 205 petrol car is listed at \$5,925 and the diesel version at \$6,325, a difference of only \$400. A Citroen BX costs \$7,415, and \$7,663 for the diesel, yielding an even smaller margin of \$248.

A Ford Sierra costs \$6,954, the diesel fetching \$7,461, a difference in round numbers of \$500.

Says Yoram Gabbay, deputy director of the Internal Revenue Department: "People should be free to choose; our tax system ought not to distort the market." What about the difference in fuel prices due to the tax on petrol? "That could be offset by the imposition of an extra annual licence-fee on diesel cars, big enough - on the average - to make up for the difference in fuel costs."

If that were done and the import

of diesels allowed, would the public surge to buy them? Not sure. On the one hand, the diesel engine is more trouble-free and long-lived. On the other hand it is slower. The Citroen BX gets from zero to 60 mph in 10.8 seconds, the diesel version in 14.4 seconds. The lag in the Ford Sierra is even greater.

On the other hand the smaller Peugeot 205 diesel shows a better performance, getting to 60 mph in 13.9 seconds, as against 12.8 seconds for the petrol model.

The best answer would be to let the public make its own choice, but the Transport Ministry blocks all change. Why? I could not get a clear answer out of them. I suspect, they don't really know.

GLOBE-TROTTER Every time a minister, civil servant or Jewish Agency official travels abroad at the state's expense there is a hue and cry, as though foreign trips were pleasure not work, and therefore a waste of public money.

Travel is of course fun if you go overseas for the first time, whatever the purpose of the trip. Subsequent expeditions are fun too, if they are to places you have never seen before,

or even to familiar places - provided you are on holiday.

But repeated journeys to the same destination for business reasons can pall. It is nice to get away from office routine and all that, but it is also a lot of bother. As the French novelist J. K. Huysmans once wrote: "The pleasure of travel exists in retrospect but seldom in the present, at the instant when it is being experienced."

And he was not talking about flights by El Al from airport to airport to attend Jewish Agency conferences.

The latest exodus of Agency heads to attend the Board of Governors meeting just concluded in New York was widely excoriated - though according to regulations one in four of the Board's meetings (held every quarter) is supposed to take place in the Diaspora.

The above regulation has been systematically disobeyed in the last five years, with all sessions held in Israel - till the Diaspora thought their turn had come. But leaving that aside, is there really any great economy if the governors foregather here instead?

Travelling by air from New York to Israel costs as much as the other

way round. Not all the foreign delegates charge the bill to the UJA or other sponsoring organization, but most do, and there are 50 per cent more of them on the board than of Israelis.

More important, Israel has business with the Jewish Diaspora: maintaining cultural links, garnering financial support, above all fostering immigration. These things cannot be achieved without personal contact. If Agency officials and government representatives were to sit on their backsides perpetually in Jerusalem, they could be economizing on fares and hotel-bills, but they would not be doing the job - which must be done by somebody - of tightening Israel's bonds with world Jewry.

Whether they do it well is another matter. It would be legitimate to scan who are sent abroad, what for and how they spend their time there. If a public figure visits 15 communities in ten days as required by the Agency's Information Department, addressing meetings morning, afternoon and evening, he deserves to be commended, not abused.

GARBAGE SOCIALISM Bernard Shaw (I think it was) observed that a man under 40 who is not a socialist has no heart, and a man over 40 who remains a socialist has no brain.

By that test I had a heart when I was young, but outgrew my socialist fervour in the hard school of life. What dealt the last finishing blow to my illusions was... the local garbage disposal unit in Beit Hakerem.

Twice a week they empty my dustbin and replace it in front of my garden gate. I do not want it in front of my garden gate, so twice a week I wheel it to its proper place five yards away, in front of my garden wall.

For endless years I have been doing that. The dustmen never put the bin back where they found it, they always replace it where I don't want it, in front of my garden gate.

Malice? Not at all, they have nothing against me. They just don't notice. They are civil servants, salaried by the local authority. Their job is to empty dustbins - for the municipal authority, not for the customer. The customer does not pay them anything, so he does not exist. It is as if he was not there.

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## MARKET PLACE

PINHAS LANDAU

## Burnt-out Brenna

Remember Leroy Brenna? It's hardly likely that you do, because the Texan mutual fund manager never became a household name in this country. But the point is that he tried to and failed, and therein lies a tale, and maybe a moral.

In late 1984, when the national unity government was new, inflation was high and the balance-of-payments gap yawned wider and wider, there was a lot of talk of investing in Israeli high-tech industry as the method to change the face of the economy and maybe even the society. The prime minister, the finance minister and the industry and trade minister, who all got along fine at the time, used to talk about these ideas at every opportunity.

Peres, in particular, and Economics Minister, Gad Ya'acobi, were plugging the theme of a one-billion dollar fund to be set up, run and maybe even controlled by foreign investors, both Jewish and gentile. In those days, it may be recalled, Scitex and Elscint were still big hits and the future of high-tech seemed bright.

About that time (see Barron's, the prestigious American financial weekly, November 12, 1984) Leroy Brenna launched the Strategic Israeli Fund, a new venture within the group of mutual funds that he managed from his Dallas, Texas, headquarters.

Brenna was aiming to attract a couple of hundred million dollars within two years, and use the money to invest primarily in technologically-oriented Israeli companies. Brenna was not a wide-eyed sucker, but a professional money-manager who was convinced that Israel offered exceptionally good, but little-known investment opportunities.

In the latest Barron's, (February 16, 1986), and under the headline "Why an Israeli Fund Bombed," the demise of Strategic Israeli is reported. "Brenna recently said the fund," we are told, after his hopes were dashed by the brutal fact that, after more than a year, he had received only \$400,000 in total.

But the answer to the article's headline is not given. Brenna himself is described as "stumped" and having "zero idea." Despite having spent a lot of time talking to brokers in an effort to get them to sell his product, "no-one wanted to sell it," so that he personally made 90% of the sales that were achieved. "I sold it to gentiles, Jews, even to one person who was anti-Semitic," Brenna is quoted as saying.

The fund, such as it was, had a poor record in its brief history, with its net asset value falling 17% during last year.

These results come as no surprise of course, given the miserable performance of most of the Israeli stocks traded in New York during 1985, and the "heavy-weights" — Elscint and Scitex — in particular. What is more shocking is the total lack of interest in Brenna's fund, despite the increasing popularity of one-country funds as an investment vehicle, as the Barron's piece goes on to outline. It would seem to be a vote of no-confidence in Israel and Israeli companies on the part of the U.S. investment community.

This impression is reinforced by speaking to some of the people in Israel who are most active in the field of attracting overseas investment to this country. Senior executives in the Discount Investment Company, for instance, recently told this reporter that — even after the stabilization of inflation and other economic progress made here in the last half-year — it is very difficult to persuade real investment money to come here.

Interestingly, Brenna himself has not changed his basic views on Israel's attractiveness to high-tech investors. He regards it as "the most overvalued investment situation in the world" and his fund as "a product before its time."

This may well be more than Texan tall tales. Brenna's attitudes is shared by many knowledgeable people here, notably Dan Tolkowsky — whose Atlanta Venture Capital Fund has succeeded in reaching its \$25m. target — and his old colleagues at DIC, whose negotiations with Shearson Lehman/American Express to set up another venture capital fund are continuing, notwithstanding the difficulties.

This basic optimism is still shared by Peres, Ya'acobi, Moda'i and all the others now engaged in the debate about how to generate growth.

The prime minister even expects the Americans to cough up some or all of the money for his projected funds, and will talk about this in Washington in April. He should nonetheless remember the fate of Strategic Israeli Fund when he makes his pitch; at the least he should tell it not in Dallas.

Setback follows more than a decade of profits  
Scitex lost \$13m. last year

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — Scitex lost approximately \$13 million in 1985, following more than a decade of profits. In 1984 profits were \$12m. and in 1983 \$9.5m.

This was stated yesterday by Efraim Arai, board chairman and chief executive officer of Scitex, Arthur Low, president, and Ben Zion Naveh, director-general.

The speakers said they thought that losses would continue during the first two quarters of 1986, and that the corporation would then move into a profit-making situation, earning enough to offset the losses of the first two quarters. Thus 1986 would be a "break-even" year.

Sales during the current year are expected to be about \$160m., compared to between \$130m. and \$135m. in 1985 and only \$104m. in 1984. The complete figures for 1985 will only become available in a few weeks.

Sales will continue to be to the same western countries as before: 55 per cent to the U.S., 35 per cent to Europe, and the rest scattered, but mainly to Japan.

About 60 per cent of sales will be

in the existing lines, computerized imaging systems used in printing and publishing, printed circuit boards, and equipment for seismic exploration industries.

The remaining 40 per cent will be in the corporation's "new generation" of products — which were developed during the past three and a half years at an expenditure of about \$25m. Scitex bases its hopes for many profitable years on these products.

They include a new line of engineering graphics computers, work stations and laser beam recorders, which will be demonstrated for the first time at an exhibition in California later this month. There are also new solid-state colour scanners with artificial intelligence, high-productivity work stations and high-speed laser plotters. These will be introduced at a trade show in West Germany in May.

The speakers said their losses were due to several causes: the government's shift in policy in 1985, which deprived the corporation of \$2m. to \$3m. in various forms of export incentives; a large write-off of inventory, including certain old-

generation products which could no longer be sold. This constituted more than half of the \$13m. loss. There was also severe credit competition abroad, in which Scitex had to meet terms for credit as long as five years. Finally, the company's diversification efforts in the markets of printed circuits, automation equipment and seismic evaluation systems, saw sales fall short of expectations.

The speakers noted that not only was the new product line expected to help move the company from a loss to a profit situation. But the economy steps taken during 1985 would also play their part. For example, some 230 permanent employees were dismissed (about 100 in Israel and 130 abroad), bringing the workforce down to 1,570 today. Despite this, productivity had increased, the speakers added.

In the last quarter of 1985, the bank debt was materially reduced. The corporation's cash position was also significantly improved through the early collection of receivables and through inventory reductions. On December 31, 1985, Scitex's books even showed that \$24m. in cash, was in hand.

## Discount Bank of New York marking time

By PINHAS LANDAU  
Israel Discount Bank of New York, the largest Israeli-owned American bank, reported net profits of \$16.3 million for 1985, marginally ahead of the \$16m. it reported in 1984.

The bank's balance sheet was similarly stable, advancing \$22m., to stand at \$3,733m. at the end of the year. Shareholders' equity grew by the amount of the bank's net profit and totalled \$176m., with another \$40m. of "secondary capital" in the

form of capital notes.

Deposits grew by 1.4% to \$3,455m., but loans to the public jumped by one-sixth, from \$840m. to \$980m. Even at this new level, however, the bank's loan portfolio remains small compared to its total assets. This indicates the continuation of the traditional and cautious approach that has characterized Israel Discount's U.S. subsidiary.

The failure to grow significantly, described by the bank as "stable and controlled development," is attri-

buted to the need to maintain a level of capital that is in line with the stricter capital assets ratios instituted by U.S. regulatory authorities recently.

Counting secondary capital, IDB New York's ratio stands at 5.79%, and thus meets the current 6% requirement. However, bank management told *The Jerusalem Post* that the strategy is to continue improving profits on the same approximate balance-sheet total, thereby strengthening the capital base further.

## Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

## MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:			Turnovers:			4.25% fully-linked		
General Share Index	101.77	+0.82%	Shares—total	NIS 7,753,000		80% linked	Falls to 1% slight rise	
Non-Bank Index	111.31	+2.00%	Arrangement	NIS 2,550,800		90% linked	Stable/slight rise	
Insurance	97.54	+0.25%	Non-Bank	NIS 5,192,200		Double-linked	Stable	
Commer. Services	118.10	+1.48%	Bolde—total	NIS 3,457,100		Dollar-linked	Stable/rises to 1%	
Real Estate	108.19	+1.27%	Indec-linked	NIS 1,842,400		Admon	Falls to 1.5%	
Real Estate	125.57	+2.08%	Dollar-linked	NIS 1,614,700		Rimon	Falls to 0.5%	
Industrials	107.14	+1.53%	Treasury Bills	NIS 578,000		Gilboa	Falls to 0.5%	
Taxi	127.42	+1.82%	Share Movements:			For. Curr.	Falls to 2%	
Metals	104.34	+0.57%	Advances	231 (268)		Domesticated	Falls to 2%	
Electronics	86.90	+0.21%	of which 5%+	56 (57)		Treasury Bills	1.54% to 1.88%	
Chemicals	105.28	+1.68%	"buyers only"	15 (17)				
Industrial Invest.	114.74	+1.82%	Declines	72 (37)				
Investment Cos.	118.54	+0.53%	of which 5%+	3 (2)				
General Bond Index	98.58	+0.03%	"sell-off only"	17 (10)				
Index-linked Bonds	97.14	+0.14%	Unchanged	83 (82)				
Fully-linked	96.18	-0.08%	Trading Halt	48 (46)				
Partially-linked	96.50	-0.25%						
Dollar-linked Bonds	95.46	-0.40%						
Short-term 0-2 yrs	97.42	-0.16%						
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	96.39	-0.02%						
Long-term 5+ yrs	95.46	-0.15%						

## SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	%	1000HS change
<b>Commercial Banks</b>				
Maritime 1	791	1225	-2.5	
First Int'l	3115	4152	+3.3	
FIBI	3048	3808	+3.0	
<b>Commercial Banks</b>				
(part of "arrangement")				
Union 0.1	85310	213	+0.5	
Discount	94700	196	-	
Mitrahil	30640	689	-	
Hapoalim r	50460	1138	-	
General A	130450	17	+0.5	
Leumi 0.1	32115	81	+0.7	
Fin. Trade	43801	1	-	
<b>Mortgage Banks</b>				
Leumi Mort. r	3750	870	+5.9	
Dev. Mort.	888	1203	-	
Mishkan r	1814	984	+10.0	
Tel Aviv r	11300	884	-2.5	
Morav r	1870	756	+3.3	
<b>Financial Institutions</b>				
Agri C	25500	4	+7.9	
Ind. Dev. DO	not trading			
Ciel Lending 0.1	5169	20	+4.0	
<b>Insurance</b>				
Avrat 0.1 r	3500	294	-	
Hessner r	2840	2951	-	
Phoenix 0.1	1305	1276	-	
Hamshar	5300	81	+4.8	
Moravah 1	5300	6	-7.0	
Sahar r	2940	179	+5.0	
Zion Hold. 1	9859	11	+7.2	
<b>Trade &amp; Services</b>				
Mair Ezra	3500	102	-5.0	
Supersol 2	4250	844	+1.4	
Delek	3825	517	+1.8	
Lightage	7479	37	-3.9	
Cold Storage	725	228	+8.2	
Dan Hotels	3700	109	+2.8	
Yarden Hotel	2100	143	+9.7	
Hilton 1	7642	119	+15.0	
Tam 1	1720	288	-4.4	
<b>Real Estate, Building and Agriculture</b>				
Azorim	3330	5252	+7.4	
Elion	981	1318	-	
Africa Int. 0.1	not trading			
Danotim	3240	1159	+8.8	
Prop. & Bldg.	2425	2515	+2.1	
Bayside 0.1	3735	515	-	
ILDC r	34300	229	+0.9	
Rassco r	2457	5.2	+5.0	
Mehadrin	11800	400	+3.0	
Hadarim	1111	3537	+4.7	
<b>Industrials</b>				
Dubek b	2705	1396	+2.5	
Ph-Ze 1	4080	1985	-	
Delek	4905	46	-	
Sunfrust	10390	333	+5.1	
Elita	500	300	-2.7	
Argamim r	6850	437	+2.4	
Delta G 1	4140	435	+2.5	
Maquetta 1	19400	12	+4.9	
Engle 1	10450	244	+10.0	
Polgar 0.1	8620	536	+1.8	
Schoellerma	13450	214	+2.5	
Rogosin	2730	1000	-	
Union 0.1 r	12470	277	+0.8	
Is. Can Co. 1	812	2508	+1.5	
Zion Cablos	1808	320	+1.5	
Packer Steel	4271	96	+2.4	
Elbit 3 r	382000	27	-	
<b>Investment Companies</b>				
IDB Dev. r	3080	2856	+0.7	
Elion	2195	1041	+0.9	
Ark 1	529	1248	-0.2	
Gahelot	1280	39	-1.8	
Wolfson 1 r	5700	724	-	
Wolfsol 1 r	63800	1	+0.6	
Hapoalim Inv.	4350	980	+3.4	
Leumi Invest.	4200	1217	+5.0	
Discount Invest.	4250	2898	+2.4	
Mitrahil Invest.	8199	28	+1.3	
Ciel 10	2408	2364	+10.0	
Landeco 0.1	6400	10	+2.7	
Parme 0.1	6218	306	+5.0	
<b>Oil Exploration</b>				
Phz Oil Expl.	10890	27	-	
J.O.E.L.	1201	1420	-0.2	

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## Israel Money Markets February 20, 1986

SHEKEL INTEREST RATES  
PRIME BORROWING RATE: 2 1/2% per month  
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	20.2	12-18%	7-18%	5-18%
HAPALIM	9.2	16-24%	16-25%	16-25%
DISCOUNT	20.2	10-18%	10-18%	12-19%
MIZRAHI	9.1	12-19%	12-24%	12-24%
FIRST INTL.	5.2	12-24%	14-24%	14-24%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.  
(Tapes: demand deposit paying daily interest.  
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 58 days.)

## PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of February 19)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	7.375	7.375	7.500
STG	11.500	11.250	11.125
DMK	3.875	3.875	3.875
SFR	3.125	3.250	3.250
YEN	4.375	4.125	4.125

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

## SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS	BANKNOTES	BANK OF ISRAEL Representative Rates
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1.4689	1.4841	1.4752
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	2.1395	2.1560	2.1531
GERMANY	MARK	0.6367	0.6448	0.6401
FRANCE	FRANC	2.072	2.058	2.084
HOLLAND	GULDEN	0.538	0.5708	0.5657
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	0.7675	0.7770	0.7714
SWEDEN	KRONA	0.2006	0.2031	0.2016
NORWAY	KRONE	1.2038	0.204	0.21
DENMARK	KRONE	0.1726	0.1747	0.1735
FINLAND	MARK	0.2634	0.2688	0.2650
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.0548	1.0677	1.0617
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1.0364	1.0483	1.0415
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	0.7256	0.7346	0.7280
BELGIUM	FRANC	0.3075	0.3113	0.3127
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	181.1025	181.003	181.089
ITALY	LIRE	0.9355	0.9471	0.9406
JAPAN	YEN	0.8160	0.8261	0.8210
JORDAN	DINAR	—	—	3.8530
EGYPT	POUND	—	—	0.8558

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## European Financial Markets

## Precious Metals

GOLD:	LONDON	A.M. FIX	339.25	P.M. FIX	—
SILVER:	PARIS	NOON FIX	340.84	ZURICH P.M.	338.25
PLATINUM:	LONDON	FIX	590.25		
PALLADIUM:	LONDON	P.M.	388.25		
		P.M.	104.25		

## FOREIGN CURRENCY CROSS RATES (London 15.30GMT)

Forward Rates	SPOT	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS
POUND STERLING	1.4540/50	157/153	278/273	500/485
DEUTSCHE MARK	2.3050/00	201/196	390/380	783/763
SWISS FRANC	1.9180/00	203/198	380/370	749/728
DUTCH GULDEN	2.6100/30	145/140	282/272	590/565
FRENCH FRANC	7.0500/50	1075/1175	1775/1925	2500/2725
JAPANESE YEN	181.10/20	195/190	198/198	400/400
ITALIAN LIRA	1585.03/0	386/405	670/720	1120/1170
BELGIAN FRANC	47.22/33	40/32		
HONGKONG DOLLAR	7.7580/00	245/215	495/455	1050/950
S.AFRICAN RAND	0.4815/35	60/60	77/60	145/145
CANADIAN DOLLAR	1.3895/05	139/148	215/230	335/335
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	0.7040/50	174/169	307/302	525/525
SWEDISH KRONA	7.3300/00	625/575	1140/1120	1775/1715
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## Hussein pulls the plug

THE FACT that it was predictable does not diminish its dramatic impact: King Hussein's finally waving a bill of divorce in front of Yasser Arafat's eyes — even while broadly hinting that he might withdraw it if the PLO chairman soon enough saw the light. Seeing the light means accepting, without further demerit, the American proposals for U.S. recognition of legitimate Palestinian rights and PLO participation in the peace process — in return for the PLO's endorsement of Resolution 242.

In his excruciatingly detailed account Wednesday night of his diplomatic efforts to regain the "lost lands" and secure Palestinian rights, Hussein put the blame for his failure squarely on Arafat's vacillation and double-dealing.

He did not renounce his acknowledgement of the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians. Nor did he repudiate the Amman agreement with Arafat last February. Yet he delivered Arafat a political body blow — without, at the same time, ruling out the possibility of reconciliation.

For the moment, though, the king would turn for support to friendly Arab states — and to the Palestinians in the occupied territories and in the diaspora.

Tearfully, Hussein conceded that, for the moment at least — which he termed forever — a golden opportunity to advance Arab aims by peaceful means had been lost. Yitzhak Rabin, in an instant response, thought rather that a golden opportunity had in fact been gained — for moderate Palestinian leaders to come forward and join Hussein in an effort to advance the cause of peace on the basis of the American proposals.

Unfortunately, this is reading Israeli hopes into Arab realities: after 19 years of prohibition on Arab political activity in the territories, there is no representative group of Palestinians that would fearlessly stand up to the PLO, disregarding threats to their lives. And, although Arafat's standing with "his" people in the West Bank and the Gaza District has doubtless been weakened, the majority of them are believed to be still with him. To them, he is not a terrorist commander but their political leader.

What lurks behind Arafat's dispute with Hussein, on the other hand, is continuing mutual suspicion, and it focuses on the simple question, who is to dictate to whom.

This is the practical meaning of the disagreement over the right of the Palestinians to self-determination. Hussein conceives of it as an internal matter to be settled by Jordanians and Palestinians among themselves once the lands have been "retrieved" from the Israeli occupier. That is why he supports the Americans in their insistence that the price of 242 should be legitimate rights, but not self-determination. But Arafat may have reason to suspect that this would tilt the balance of power within the mooted Jordanian-Palestinian confederation in Hussein's favour.

Perhaps, too, he wishes to secure in advance the right to secede from the confederation and to set up an independent PLO state — which Hussein may have cause to fear will seek a takeover of Jordan.

If the present rift does not endure it will be because Hussein and Arafat both realize that their fates are intertwined. Hussein is unwilling to go down in history as the Arab ruler who gave up any portion of Arab land to Israel, and he believes he needs Arafat's co-signature for any such concession. Arafat, for his part, knows full well that he could easily be cut off by Hussein from almost any access to his main base of support which is the territories.

But it is Hussein who is now riding high, while Arafat is caught undecided between the danger of a fatal split in PLO ranks and the risk of a counter-attack on the king. Hussein will make an expanded Jordanian parliament into a seemingly representative Palestinian body. He will raise his physical stake in the West Bank and the Gaza District. And he will go on courting his long-time friends in Cairo, Riyadh and Baghdad — while beating a path also to Damascus, whose ruler hates Arafat's guts. Although his purpose will be to force Arafat to accept Jordan's terms, he may be creating a fresh opportunity for peace talks.

If that opportunity emerges, it will be due decisively to the peace policy pursued by Shimon Peres and Hussein's justified fear that after the scheduled rotation of power in Israel there will be no one to negotiate with and nothing to negotiate about.

## Seek and deploy

HIRSH GOODMAN

WITHIN 45 minutes of Yosef Fink and Rahamim Alsheikh being abducted in southern Lebanon on Monday afternoon, the Israel Defence Forces had several hundred men deployed north of the security zone. Within hours, the number swelled to several thousand, fanned out in 16 Shi'ite villages and all major roads and intersections in southern Lebanon, backed up by tanks, artillery and helicopters.

Last night they were still there. An undisclosed number from among the thousands questioned had been detained. They included two thought to be directly involved in the incident. Dozens of arms caches had been uncovered. But the primary task of finding the two missing men was still unaccomplished, and hope that it would be had almost completely faded.

From the outset, the chances of finding the two in the net of the IDF, in close cooperation with the South Lebanese Army, had cast through southern Lebanon were slim. Not only were the terrorists at large in an environment they knew intimately but, judging from the professional planning that had gone into the ambush, it was assumed that their escape had been carefully planned too.

There were also serious doubts as to whether Fink and Alsheikh could have survived the ambush. The car in which the two soldiers were travelling was riddled with bullet holes, and the pools of blood where the two had been sitting indicated that they had been badly wounded in the attack. It was assessed that they would have needed urgent and expert medical attention to survive. When their dog-tags and identity papers, but not their pictures, were released by the terrorists in Beirut on Monday night, fears for their safety increased.

DESPITE THIS, and despite the objective difficulties in finding the two and their abductors, the huge search operation was launched and sustained. With each passing hour the risk of destabilizing the delicate status quo on the northern front grew. Another risk was the possibility of more Israeli casualties during the operation.

It also had to be taken into account that the Shi'ites, both in the security zone and north of it, might be forced into action against the IDF lest they be accused of cooperating with Israel. Adding to the complications was the risk of escalation, with Unfil and with the Druze, and — particularly if Israel extended its operation in the direction of the Bekaa — with the Syrians.

The hazards were well known to the policy-makers who decided on the operation. As soon as it became clear that it was Hizbollah that was involved, and not one of the Syrian surrogates with which Amal has close ties, the business of tracking down the terrorists without local opposition and without risking escalation with the Syrians was made easier.

When, on Tuesday, it became apparent that the two men, if they were alive, had not been taken to the Bekaa, the chances of escalation with the Syrians decreased further. The only real danger facing the IDF by the end of the week was that perhaps Israel and the SLA were beginning to outstay their "welcome" north of the security zone.

DEFENCE MINISTER Yitzhak Rabin seemed acutely aware of this when he appeared on television's *Moked* programme on Wednesday night. Rabin has not forgotten, nor does he underestimate, the potential of Shi'ite terror. When he first came into the Defence Ministry in 1984, when the IDF was still deployed in the heart of the Shi'ite villages in the south, one of his favourite phrases was "the Shi'ite genie that popped out of the bottle to plague Israel." He remembers vividly the steadily increasing madness and venom of Shi'ite attacks against the IDF — attacks that ultimately forced the army to retreat from Lebanon under a cloud.

What was at risk as a result of Monday's ambush and its subsequent developments was Rabin's policy for the defence of northern Israel. To all intents and purposes, the security zone concept has been successful in buffering the Galilee from terrorist attack, and despite dire predictions to the contrary, the security zone itself has been relatively stable, notwithstanding its ethnic

and religious tensions. A protracted stay by the IDF north of the security zone — no matter how beneficial the immediate by-products — would almost certainly rouse the dormant "genie" of mass Shi'ite terror and force renewed unity between Amal and the radical and fundamentalist extremes of the Shi'ite community.

It was therefore decided early on that while the life of every soldier is sacrosanct, Israel's responses in Lebanon had to be conditional upon the possibility, however slight, that the two missing men could be found alive in the area of operation. If it became clear beyond reasonable doubt that this was not the case, the IDF would leave the area and redeploy along its previous lines, hopefully leaving the status quo ante undisturbed.

THE PROBLEM is that there are some, like the SLA commander, General Antoine Lahad, who see this latest incident as a way of changing the status quo. In interviews on Wednesday, Lahad said that the ambush proved that the security zone would have to be extended to "its logical border" on the Litani River.

Such a move would not only incorporate predominantly Shi'ite villages outside the current security zone, but would necessitate the injection of more Israeli forces on a permanent basis to help the general control his new acquisition.

Hopefully, Lahad's advice will fall on deaf ears. There is nothing to be

gained from deeper involvement in Lebanon other than more Israeli casualties, and thankfully this seems to be the position of the senior military echelons.

What this week's incident has proved is not that the security zone concept has failed, but that if Israel needs to respond to a specific challenge it can do so massively and quickly from south of the Israel-Lebanese border.

Just as important, it has demonstrated that if challenged, Israel will respond, and that the threats made by our policy-makers that there will either be peace on both sides of the border or on neither side of the border, are credible.

Israel launched this huge campaign to try and find two soldiers not only because the IDF has a special commitment to its men (and one should not underestimate the power of that commitment in the moulding of policy), but because Israel could not afford to allow this attack to go unchallenged. Passivity would have been interpreted as weakness, and weakness would have invited more attacks.

In order to preserve the delicate balance on which the security of the north rests, the IDF had to show disproportionate muscle. But now, unless there is a realistic chance of finding Yossi Fink and Rahamim Alsheikh, the point has been made. To protract the massive deployment of forces in Lebanon, let alone take the advice of General Lahad, could only be counter-productive.

## The imperative of growth

MEIR MERHAV

ECONOMIC GROWTH is an imperative for social democrats all over the world; and for Zionist social democrats it is a matter of national survival. Social democrats do not intend to overturn the capitalist system, but to save it from itself and make it tolerable by mitigating its social inequities.

When external circumstances force social democrats to accept a policy of "retrenchment," with mounting unemployment, increasing disparities of income distribution and the erosion of social services, they lose their function as the saviours or correctors of the economic system. For the implementation of neo-conservative policies there is, as voters everywhere quickly realize, no need for social democrats or socialists. One might as well vote for the genuine article, at least until disenchantment sets in.

If economic growth is the condition for the political survival of social democrats everywhere, in Israel it is a condition for the survival of Zionism and of the State of Israel itself. The days are gone when Jews in spiritual or physical distress had nowhere to go but to Israel, as the history of the Jewish exodus from the Soviet Union in the past decade and a half has shown.

Without a rising standard of living, the offer of gainful employment, without peace, without a quality of life better than other havens can offer, there is no hope for aliyah, and every inducement for yerida. With-

out growth, there is no hope that the crippling defence burden distorting our socio-economic structure, diverting creativity into sterile arms production and perverting ethical norms, can be reduced at least relatively.

THE REVIVAL of growth is therefore an imperative for Zionist social democrats. But not for those whose Zionist vision extends no further than Jabotinsky's "iron wall," who accept conflict and war as Israel's permanent condition and whose concept of building a nation is renovated 19th-century capitalism mitigated by populist charity for its victims.

That is the irreconcilable clash between Labour and the Likud. Such shameful squabbles as last Sunday's cabinet meeting not only trivialize it, but divert attention from its essence.

THE ARGUMENTS against renewing growth are surrounded by myths. One stresses that the stability so impressively achieved is fragile. Of course it is. In any country, under any economic conditions, stability can easily be undone, and particularly so in Israel, with its history of rampant inflation. All that is necessary is for the government to start pumping cash into the economy.

The second myth is that any real and sound growth must wait for a "structural transformation" of the economy. Reducing the government

sector will shift employment to production of internationally tradeable goods and services. Government expenditure will shrink, resources will be released for investment, and those thrown out of public sector employment will be reabsorbed by the private, hopefully export-oriented sector. That too is largely a myth.

True, we need more internationally tradeable output. But that does not mean that we need more workers in the sectors that will produce it. The contrary may be closer to what we need — higher productivity, which means more output per worker, or fewer workers for a given output. But even if we should need more workers, it won't be the teachers, social workers and government clerks that are to be fired. They will just remain unemployed. And if we starve our institutions of funds for scientific research and technical education, we shall have no workers for growth.

There is a third myth, that if only the government would lessen its monopolization of the capital market, and let private firms borrow some of the public's savings, business enterprises would rush to avail themselves of the opportunity. At what rate of interest? For what expected long-term rate of profit? In what framework of stability, political

conditions, real wage rates, taxation, prices and exchange rates?

A FOURTH myth is that growth needs next to no investment, that there is much under-utilized productive capacity.

When the government's stability rests on the immobility of rotation and the ability of the major coalition partners to block each other's initiatives, is that a political framework for growth? If a Bank of Israel governor declares that the long-term target for real interest rates is 25 per cent a year, how much must industry earn to compete with the rates at which the government borrows? If taxes are subject to the whim of an erratic finance minister, who decides overnight to adjust or not to adjust tax brackets, to block, delay or to release budget allocations at will, to pass on or not to pass on price overcharges to adjust or not to adjust — then what set of stable rules of the game is there for renewing growth?

When the present coalition government was formed, the demand put upon the Labour Party was to "deliver" the Histadrut's acquiescence in a reduction of real wages as the major instrument of economic stabilization. Labour and the Histadrut delivered beyond all expectations.

Labour and the Histadrut must be able to promise that the sacrifices

they have demanded of their constituency will be vindicated by a renewal of economic growth, that the initial social injustices of the economic recovery programme will to some extent be redressed, that the inevitable rise of unemployment will be held in check.

FORTUITOUS external circumstances have made it easier than was originally foreseen to embark without delay on the renewal of economic growth. But what kind of growth? If Labour believes that growth can be instantaneous, that unemployment can be reduced in short order, that ailing firms can be bailed out indiscriminately, it is either out to undo all it has so stoutly supported since the so-called national unity government was formed, or is deluding itself and its constituency.

The resources are now available to promote long-term growth, as well as to reduce unemployment where it has hit hardest, and to correct the inequalities of income distribution produced by the first round of the economic policy. But time is against us, and the resources we now have for growth will not be there tomorrow, or will be dissipated if we do not invest them now in growth.

Labour must clarify what growth it has in mind, and what it can faithfully promise. Instant growth and full employment tomorrow are as much a myth as anything propagated by the stagnationists.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**P.S.** KNESSET MEMBER Mordechai Virshupski's call for the revival of the satirical TV programme *Nikui Rosh* (Headcleaning), taken off the air nearly a decade ago, would probably have had the support of the third-century Talmudic sage Rabbi Shimon ben Lakish, better known as Resh Lakish. At least qualified support.

A certain Yossef of Maon, near Tiberias, which was then the seat of the Jewish autonomous authority, delivered a somewhat sarcastic anti-establishment sermon that angered Yehuda Nessim, the "chief rabbi" of that time. The Mishnah (Bereshit Rabba 80:1) tells us that Resh Lakish came to mollify Yehuda, and said

to him: "Master, we ought to be grateful to the gentiles for bringing clowns to the theatres who poke fun at the leaders, thereby providing the masses some release of their anger at the leaders, so that they don't get involved in revolutionary conspiracies."

The trouble was, however, that Yossef didn't know when to stop. Yehuda was mollified and asked Yossef to come and thrash the matter out in person. Yossef repeated his charge in an even sharper parable, and Resh Lakish said to him: "I've hardly finished placating Yehuda Nessim over one insult, and you come along with a fresh one!"

We are not told what finally happened to Yossef.

M.K.

## LANIADO HOSPITAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In London we can get an emergency doctor. After several priority phone calls, we are fortunate if he arrives within an hour. If the patient is still alive, there comes the problem of waiting for an ambulance.

During the first week of my holiday (in December) in Netanya, I had a heart attack. Within minutes my wife had a doctor with me. Within five minutes, so I was told, the fantastic Magen David Adom with its medical team was trying to bring my soul back to the living.

The Laniado Hospital may not be the height of luxury, but I feel that nowhere can there be such a "Jewish" hospital, with its dedicated religious consultants and staff. The intensive coronary-care unit has the

efficiency of a military operation. Languages present no difficulties: whether it be Yiddish, English, French, German, Polish, Hungarian, Russian, and probably others, each is spoken fluently enough to make the meaning clear.

Then, of course, comes Erev Shabbat. Although the wards are cleaned in the morning, and the linen changed, from about 2 p.m., everything is cleaned again, the linen changed, and candles put in every ward to bring in the Shabbat. It reminded me of the peace and quiet of an experience I had in Eilat some years back snorkelling among the coral reefs — no sound but an inspiring beauty. The happy greeting of "Shabbat Shalom" is a welcome sound in one's ears all day long.

Netanya (London). JOE ELSTEIN

## MORMON LOVE-IN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — A decade ago, the Calgary Jewish Community was subjected to a Mormon "love-in." The Church indicated no motivation other than brotherly love. There wasn't enough that they could do for our community and Israel. The Mormons even bought a JNF project!

The suspicions of our community as to their intent were confirmed on the last evening of this effort. The entire Calgary Jewish Community was invited to a gala concert. The finale of this evening, attended by the Mormon community and fortunately virtually none of the Jewish community, was an impassioned plea for conversion by an apostate Jew flown in from the U.S.A.

So much for Mormon guarantees! M.N. LEVANT  
Calgary, Canada.

## MACCABI REUNION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The Aliya and Absorption Committee of Maccabi World Union is a voluntary group which provides sporting, social, moral and practical support for Maccabi olim from all parts of the globe.

Since the formation of this committee some 12 months ago, we have been in constant touch with representatives of our 300,000 members overseas, who supply us with names and addresses of current Maccabi immigrants. But now we are anxious to contact all Maccabi members or ex-members whether they be new olim or oldtimers.

To start this Maccabi contact, we

intend holding a gala reunion at Kfar Maccabiah Country Club.

For further information and date of reunion, please contact Denise Freedman, Maccabi World Union, Kfar Maccabiah, Ramat Gan, telephone 03-715726.

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